

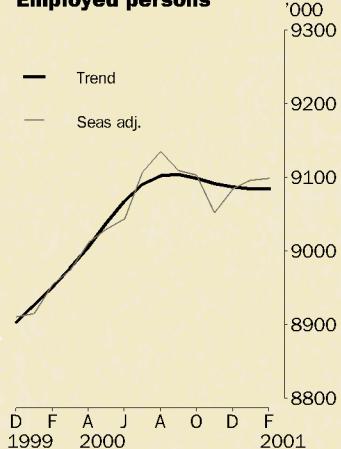


# LABOUR FORCE

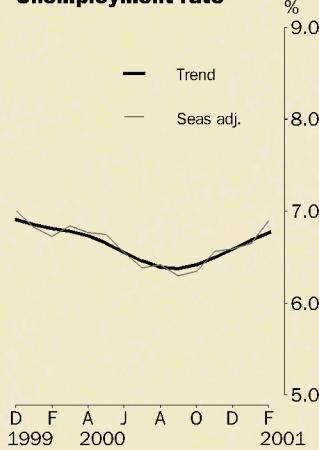
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## Employed persons



## Unemployment rate



## INQUIRIES

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## FEBRUARY KEY FIGURES

### TREND

	Jan 2001	Feb 2001	monthly change
Employed persons ('000)	9 084.7	9 084.8	0.0 %
Unemployed persons ('000)	650.6	659.2	1.3 %
Unemployment rate (%)	6.7	6.8	0.1 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.5	63.5	0.0 pts

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Jan 2001	Feb 2001	monthly change
Employed persons ('000)	9 096.1	9 098.6	2.5
Unemployed persons ('000)	647.4	673.8	26.4
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6	6.9	0.3 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.6	63.7	0.1 pts

## FEBRUARY KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

#### EMPLOYMENT

- increased slightly to 9,084,800.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

- increased to 659,200.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- increased to 6.8%.

#### PARTICIPATION RATE

- remained at 63.5%.

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

#### EMPLOYMENT

- increased by 2,500 to 9,098,600. Full-time employment rose by 33,500 to 6,690,900 while part-time employment fell by 31,000 to 2,407,700.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

- increased by 26,400 to 673,800. The number of persons looking for full-time work rose by 21,200 to 498,100 and the number of persons looking for part-time work rose by 5,200 to 175,700.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- increased by 0.3 percentage points to 6.9%. The male rate rose by 0.3 percentage points to 7.2% and the female rate rose by 0.2 percentage points to 6.5%.
- NSW 6.2% (5.9% last month); Vic 6.3% (6.3%); Qld 8.8% (8.1%); SA 7.3% (7.3%); WA 6.8% (6.3%); Tas 9.0% (9.6%).

#### PARTICIPATION RATE

- increased by 0.1 percentage points to 63.7%.

## N O T E S

FORTHCOMING ISSUES	ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
	March 2001	12 April 2001
	April 2001	10 May 2001
	May 2001	07 June 2001
	June 2001	12 July 2001
	July 2001	09 August 2001
	August 2001	13 September 2001

**CHANGES THIS MONTH**

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates have been revised from February 1978 to reflect the annual reanalysis of seasonal factors, which occurs in February each year. A feature article outlining the seasonal reanalysis will appear in the February 2001 edition of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Further information can be obtained from the contact listed on the front page of this publication.

**FORTHCOMING CHANGES**

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) questionnaire is being redesigned to better reflect current labour market phenomena and contemporary user needs. The new questionnaire is scheduled to be implemented in April 2001. More information is available in *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Questionnaire Redesign* (Cat. no. 6294.0), which was released on 14 March 2000.

**SAMPLING ERRORS**

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 30 and 31.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval indicates that we are 95% confident that the upper and lower limits enclose the true value of the estimate.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA SERIES	MOVEMENTS JANUARY 2001 TO FEBRUARY 2001		
	Monthly change	95% Confidence interval	
		to	from
Total employment	2 500	-33 700	38 700
Total unemployment	26 400	11 400	41 400
Unemployment rate	0.3 pts	0.1 pts	0.5 pts
Participation rate	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.3 pts

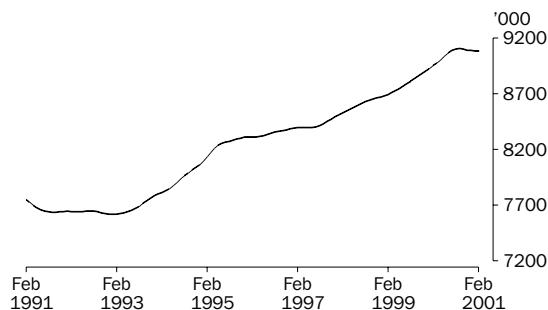
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## PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES: Trend estimates

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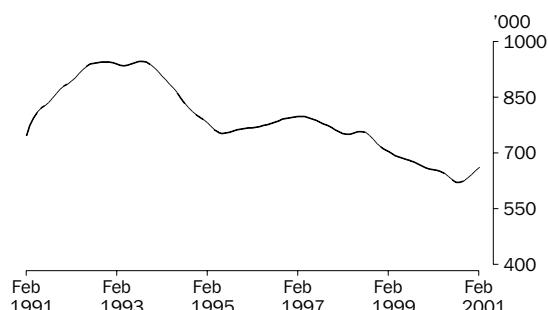
### EMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of employed persons rose strongly from a low of 7,615,300 in January 1993 until mid 1995. The trend then continued to rise at a slower rate until June 1997, before showing stronger growth reaching 9,104,000 in September 2000. Since then the trend has decreased slightly to stand at 9,084,800 in February 2001.



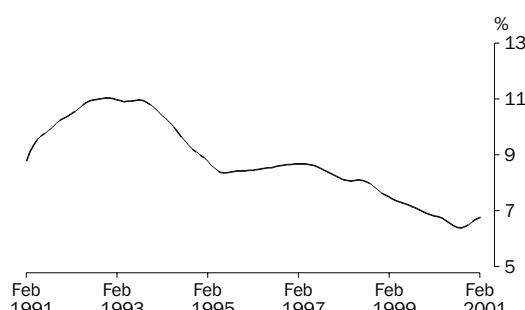
### UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of unemployed persons peaked at 947,000 in September 1993, before falling rapidly to 752,300 in June 1995. The trend then rose slowly reaching 798,300 in March 1997, before falling to 620,000 in September 2000. Since then the trend has risen to stand at 659,200 in February 2001.



### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

After reaching a high of 11.0% in mid 1992, the trend unemployment rate remained steady for twelve months, before falling rapidly to 8.4% in July 1995. The trend then rose slowly until March 1997, before falling to 6.4% in September 2000. The trend estimate has risen over the last five months to stand at 6.8% in February 2001.



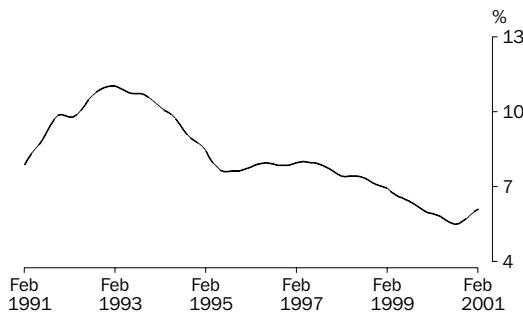
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### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

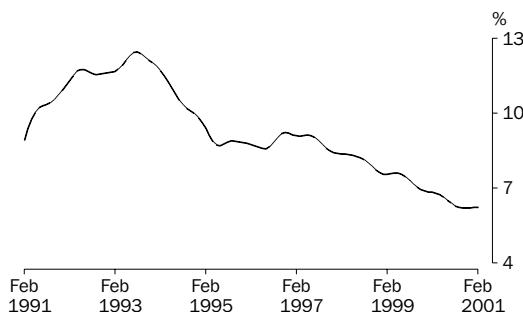
#### NEW SOUTH WALES

From a peak of 11.0% in January 1993, the trend unemployment rate for New South Wales fell steadily to 7.6% in July 1995. The trend estimate then rose gradually, reaching 8.0% in April 1997, before falling to 5.5% in August 2000. Since then it has risen to stand at 6.1% in February 2001.



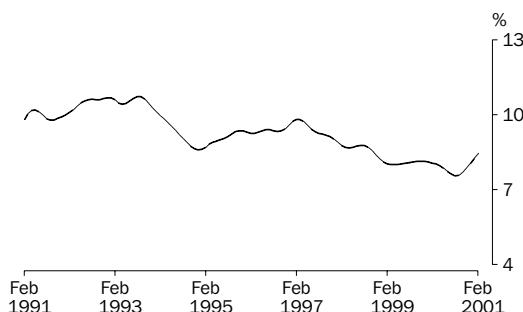
#### VICTORIA

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Victoria decreased sharply from a peak of 12.4% in August 1993 to 8.7% in June 1995. The trend then generally rose to 9.2% in November 1996, before falling to 6.2% in September 2000. Since then the trend estimate has remained flat, and stood at 6.2% in February 2001.



#### QUEENSLAND

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Queensland decreased from a peak of 10.7% in August 1993 to 8.6% in December 1994. The trend then rose to 9.8% in March 1997, before generally falling to 7.5% in August 2000. The trend estimate has since been rising and stood at 8.4% in February 2001.



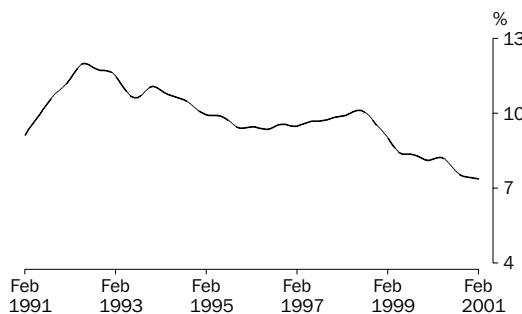
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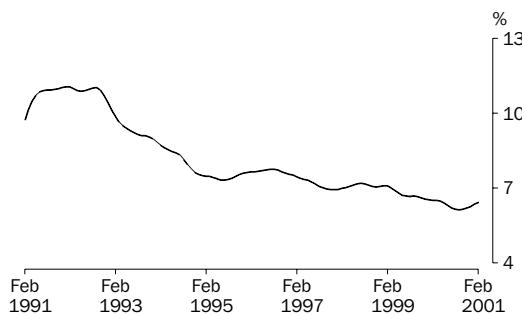
#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The trend unemployment rate for South Australia peaked at 12.0% in June 1992. The trend then fell steadily to 9.3% in June 1996, before rising slowly to 10.1% in June 1998. The trend has since decreased and stood at 7.4% in February 2001.



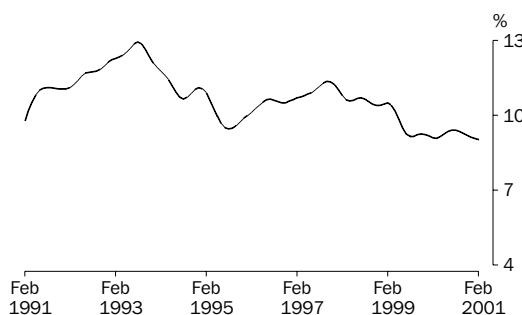
#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

After reaching 11.1% in January 1992, the trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Western Australia remained relatively steady until late 1992, before falling to 7.3% in July 1995. After rising to 7.8% in August 1996, the trend then generally fell to 6.1% in September 2000. Recently it has risen to stand at 6.4% in February 2001.



#### TASMANIA

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Tasmania fell from a peak of 12.9% in August 1993 to 9.4% in August 1995. The trend estimate then rose to 11.4% in October 1997, before declining to 9.1% in March 2000. In recent months the trend has remained steady to stand at 9.0% in February 2001.



## LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Original

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

Month	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES											
<b>1999</b>											
December	4 462.2	617.4	5 079.6	322.0	65.7	387.7	5 467.3	1 971.5	7 438.7	7.1	73.5
<b>2000</b>											
January	4 367.2	611.0	4 978.2	344.6	62.5	407.1	5 385.3	2 062.7	7 448.0	7.6	72.3
February	4 420.6	613.8	5 034.3	326.5	66.1	392.6	5 427.0	2 030.2	7 457.2	7.2	72.8
March	4 391.2	642.6	5 033.8	310.9	71.3	382.2	5 415.9	2 050.4	7 466.4	7.1	72.5
April	4 400.4	666.2	5 066.6	296.3	68.5	364.9	5 431.4	2 044.1	7 475.5	6.7	72.7
May	4 407.9	660.9	5 068.9	297.8	58.7	356.5	5 425.4	2 059.2	7 484.6	6.6	72.5
June	4 433.3	651.2	5 084.5	293.2	55.1	348.3	5 432.8	2 061.0	7 493.8	6.4	72.5
July	4 480.1	653.5	5 133.5	277.3	60.0	337.3	5 470.8	2 032.2	7 503.0	6.2	72.9
August	4 399.1	660.9	5 060.0	295.4	57.1	352.5	5 412.5	2 099.7	7 512.2	6.5	72.0
September	4 466.3	667.6	5 133.9	300.8	69.3	370.2	5 504.0	2 017.4	7 521.5	6.7	73.2
October	4 444.6	670.7	5 115.3	288.3	57.3	345.6	5 460.9	2 068.8	7 529.8	6.3	72.5
November	4 429.8	656.2	5 086.0	300.3	51.3	351.7	5 437.7	2 100.3	7 538.0	6.5	72.1
December	4 510.6	657.9	5 168.6	308.3	67.2	375.5	5 544.0	2 002.3	7 546.3	6.8	73.5
<b>2001</b>											
January	4 384.1	657.7	5 041.9	346.4	65.3	411.7	5 453.6	2 101.0	7 554.6	7.5	72.2
February	4 413.3	653.9	5 067.2	358.8	70.4	429.2	5 496.4	2 066.5	7 562.9	7.8	72.7
FEMALES											
<b>1999</b>											
December	2 263.8	1 703.4	3 967.2	184.7	94.8	279.5	4 246.7	3 417.4	7 664.1	6.6	55.4
<b>2000</b>											
January	2 208.0	1 587.8	3 795.8	188.5	100.7	289.2	4 085.0	3 587.3	7 672.3	7.1	53.2
February	2 189.2	1 681.6	3 870.7	200.8	125.2	326.1	4 196.8	3 483.7	7 680.5	7.8	54.6
March	2 201.2	1 715.0	3 916.2	197.4	120.6	318.0	4 234.2	3 454.5	7 688.7	7.5	55.1
April	2 212.6	1 725.6	3 938.2	181.8	112.6	294.4	4 232.6	3 464.4	7 697.0	7.0	55.0
May	2 200.7	1 746.9	3 947.6	186.0	100.4	286.4	4 234.1	3 471.3	7 705.3	6.8	54.9
June	2 222.3	1 749.1	3 971.4	152.5	107.7	260.3	4 231.7	3 482.0	7 713.7	6.2	54.9
July	2 296.1	1 725.0	4 021.1	145.0	94.2	239.2	4 260.3	3 462.4	7 722.7	5.6	55.2
August	2 232.9	1 755.6	3 988.4	149.0	99.8	248.8	4 237.2	3 494.4	7 731.6	5.9	54.8
September	2 294.6	1 764.8	4 059.4	154.2	107.6	261.8	4 321.2	3 419.4	7 740.7	6.1	55.8
October	2 275.5	1 734.3	4 009.8	145.0	94.8	239.8	4 249.6	3 498.9	7 748.5	5.6	54.8
November	2 267.2	1 714.3	3 981.5	154.5	94.8	249.3	4 230.8	3 525.4	7 756.2	5.9	54.5
December	2 313.3	1 742.7	4 055.9	167.6	94.5	262.1	4 318.1	3 445.9	7 764.0	6.1	55.6
<b>2001</b>											
January	2 261.2	1 642.9	3 904.1	172.7	105.1	277.8	4 181.9	3 589.6	7 771.5	6.6	53.8
February	2 286.6	1 693.4	3 980.0	190.9	128.7	319.6	4 299.6	3 479.3	7 778.9	7.4	55.3
PERSONS											
<b>1999</b>											
December	6 726.0	2 320.8	9 046.8	506.7	160.5	667.2	9 714.0	5 388.9	15 102.9	6.9	64.3
<b>2000</b>											
January	6 575.2	2 198.8	8 773.9	533.2	163.2	696.3	9 470.3	5 650.0	15 120.3	7.4	62.6
February	6 609.8	2 295.3	8 905.1	527.3	191.4	718.7	9 623.8	5 513.9	15 137.7	7.5	63.6
March	6 592.4	2 357.6	8 950.0	508.3	191.8	700.2	9 650.1	5 504.9	15 155.1	7.3	63.7
April	6 613.0	2 391.8	9 004.8	478.2	181.1	659.3	9 664.1	5 508.5	15 172.5	6.8	63.7
May	6 608.6	2 407.9	9 016.5	483.9	159.1	643.0	9 659.4	5 530.5	15 190.0	6.7	63.6
June	6 655.6	2 400.2	9 055.9	445.7	162.9	608.6	9 664.5	5 543.0	15 207.5	6.3	63.6
July	6 776.2	2 378.4	9 154.6	422.4	154.2	576.5	9 731.1	5 494.6	15 225.7	5.9	63.9
August	6 631.9	2 416.5	9 048.4	444.4	156.9	601.3	9 649.7	5 594.1	15 243.9	6.2	63.3
September	6 760.8	2 432.5	9 193.3	455.1	176.9	632.0	9 825.3	5 436.9	15 262.2	6.4	64.4
October	6 720.1	2 405.0	9 125.1	433.3	152.1	585.4	9 710.5	5 567.7	15 278.2	6.0	63.6
November	6 697.0	2 370.5	9 067.5	454.8	146.2	601.0	9 668.5	5 625.7	15 294.3	6.2	63.2
December	6 823.9	2 400.6	9 224.5	475.9	161.7	637.6	9 862.1	5 448.2	15 310.3	6.5	64.4
<b>2001</b>											
January	6 645.3	2 300.7	8 946.0	519.1	170.4	689.5	9 635.5	5 690.6	15 326.1	7.2	62.9
February	6 699.8	2 347.3	9 047.1	549.7	199.1	748.9	9 796.0	5 545.8	15 341.8	7.6	63.9

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): **Seasonally adjusted(a)**

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....					
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
<b>MALES</b>									
<b>1999</b>									
December	4 385.9	621.7	5 007.6	324.0	61.7	385.7	5 393.3	7.2	72.5
<b>2000</b>									
January	4 382.3	632.3	5 014.6	314.8	59.9	374.6	5 389.2	7.0	72.4
February	4 409.0	641.2	5 050.1	299.7	60.9	360.6	5 410.8	6.7	72.6
March	4 408.6	636.4	5 045.0	304.8	62.2	367.0	5 412.1	6.8	72.5
April	4 419.7	654.0	5 073.7	303.3	64.5	367.8	5 441.5	6.8	72.8
May	4 433.1	646.9	5 080.0	302.5	60.2	362.7	5 442.7	6.7	72.7
June	4 450.5	626.6	5 077.1	300.8	61.9	362.7	5 439.8	6.7	72.6
July	4 449.9	661.9	5 111.8	294.1	65.8	360.0	5 471.8	6.6	72.9
August	4 446.7	659.9	5 106.6	298.6	63.5	362.1	5 468.7	6.6	72.8
September	4 447.0	661.6	5 108.7	295.1	62.4	357.5	5 466.2	6.5	72.7
October	4 435.7	667.1	5 102.8	305.3	59.8	365.1	5 467.9	6.7	72.6
November	4 433.2	662.8	5 096.0	308.3	60.2	368.5	5 464.5	6.7	72.5
December	4 433.3	662.4	5 095.8	310.3	62.9	373.2	5 469.0	6.8	72.5
<b>2001</b>									
January	4 403.5	680.0	5 083.6	316.0	63.1	379.1	5 462.7	6.9	72.3
February	4 402.5	683.0	5 085.5	329.4	64.9	394.3	5 479.8	7.2	72.5
<b>FEMALES</b>									
<b>1999</b>									
December	2 202.1	1 700.9	3 903.0	181.8	102.7	284.5	4 187.4	6.8	54.6
<b>2000</b>									
January	2 201.6	1 698.6	3 900.2	175.6	103.0	278.6	4 178.8	6.7	54.5
February	2 191.1	1 712.8	3 903.8	177.2	107.8	285.0	4 188.8	6.8	54.5
March	2 221.6	1 707.2	3 928.8	184.8	106.9	291.7	4 220.4	6.9	54.9
April	2 227.7	1 709.5	3 937.2	179.2	107.0	286.2	4 223.4	6.8	54.9
May	2 230.0	1 718.7	3 948.7	186.4	103.8	290.2	4 238.9	6.8	55.0
June	2 248.5	1 718.2	3 966.7	159.7	111.3	271.0	4 237.6	6.4	54.9
July	2 261.3	1 733.3	3 994.6	159.3	101.6	260.9	4 255.5	6.1	55.1
August	2 269.7	1 758.7	4 028.5	159.1	105.4	264.5	4 293.0	6.2	55.5
September	2 278.4	1 722.0	4 000.4	154.8	99.6	254.4	4 254.8	6.0	55.0
October	2 268.1	1 731.9	4 000.0	153.3	98.5	251.8	4 251.8	5.9	54.9
November	2 265.5	1 690.6	3 956.1	162.9	104.4	267.3	4 223.4	6.3	54.5
December	2 249.2	1 739.3	3 988.6	165.0	102.9	267.9	4 256.5	6.3	54.8
<b>2001</b>									
January	2 253.8	1 758.7	4 012.5	160.9	107.4	268.3	4 280.8	6.3	55.1
February	2 288.4	1 724.7	4 013.1	168.7	110.8	279.5	4 292.6	6.5	55.2
<b>PERSONS</b>									
<b>1999</b>									
December	6 588.0	2 322.6	8 910.6	505.8	164.4	670.2	9 580.7	7.0	63.4
<b>2000</b>									
January	6 583.9	2 330.9	8 914.8	490.3	162.9	653.2	9 568.0	6.8	63.3
February	6 600.0	2 354.0	8 954.0	476.9	168.7	645.6	9 599.6	6.7	63.4
March	6 630.2	2 343.6	8 973.8	489.7	169.1	658.7	9 632.5	6.8	63.6
April	6 647.4	2 363.5	9 010.9	482.5	171.5	654.0	9 664.9	6.8	63.7
May	6 663.1	2 365.6	9 028.7	488.9	164.0	652.9	9 681.6	6.7	63.7
June	6 699.0	2 344.8	9 043.7	460.5	173.2	633.7	9 677.5	6.5	63.6
July	6 711.2	2 395.2	9 106.4	453.5	167.4	620.9	9 727.3	6.4	63.9
August	6 716.4	2 418.6	9 135.1	457.7	168.9	626.6	9 761.6	6.4	64.0
September	6 725.4	2 383.7	9 109.1	449.9	162.0	611.9	9 721.0	6.3	63.7
October	6 703.8	2 399.0	9 102.8	458.6	158.3	616.9	9 719.7	6.3	63.6
November	6 698.7	2 353.4	9 052.1	471.2	164.6	635.8	9 687.9	6.6	63.3
December	6 682.6	2 401.8	9 084.3	475.3	165.8	641.1	9 725.4	6.6	63.5
<b>2001</b>									
January	6 657.3	2 438.7	9 096.1	476.9	170.6	647.4	9 743.5	6.6	63.6
February	6 690.9	2 407.7	9 098.6	498.1	175.7	673.8	9 772.4	6.9	63.7

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

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<b>1999</b>									
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<b>2000</b>									
January	4 392.0	630.5	5 022.5	311.7	60.4	372.2	5 394.7	6.9	72.4
February	4 401.1	636.1	5 037.2	308.0	60.8	368.8	5 406.0	6.8	72.5
March	4 412.1	640.3	5 052.4	304.9	61.6	366.5	5 418.9	6.8	72.6
April	4 423.6	643.2	5 066.8	302.3	62.3	364.6	5 431.5	6.7	72.7
May	4 434.4	645.7	5 080.0	300.1	62.9	363.0	5 443.0	6.7	72.7
June	4 442.5	648.6	5 091.2	298.4	63.1	361.6	5 452.8	6.6	72.8
July	4 447.3	652.3	5 099.6	297.8	63.1	360.9	5 460.5	6.6	72.8
August	4 448.5	656.2	5 104.7	297.8	62.6	360.5	5 465.1	6.6	72.8
September	4 445.4	660.1	5 105.6	299.4	62.1	361.6	5 467.1	6.6	72.7
October	4 439.0	663.9	5 102.9	302.9	61.8	364.8	5 467.6	6.7	72.6
November	4 431.1	667.3	5 098.4	307.6	61.8	369.4	5 467.8	6.8	72.5
December	4 422.9	670.6	5 093.5	312.7	62.1	374.8	5 468.3	6.9	72.5
<b>2001</b>									
January	4 415.0	673.9	5 088.9	317.6	62.7	380.3	5 469.2	7.0	72.4
February	4 407.8	677.7	5 085.5	322.0	63.5	385.4	5 470.9	7.0	72.4
<b>FEMALES</b>									
<b>1999</b>									
December	2 190.8	1 702.9	3 893.7	180.2	103.9	284.0	4 177.7	6.8	54.5
<b>2000</b>									
January	2 199.5	1 704.6	3 904.0	180.3	104.1	284.4	4 188.4	6.8	54.6
February	2 207.0	1 705.8	3 912.9	180.5	105.1	285.6	4 198.5	6.8	54.7
March	2 215.1	1 708.5	3 923.6	180.2	106.2	286.5	4 210.1	6.8	54.8
April	2 225.1	1 713.2	3 938.4	178.4	107.0	285.4	4 223.8	6.8	54.9
May	2 237.0	1 720.3	3 957.2	174.2	106.8	281.0	4 238.3	6.6	55.0
June	2 249.2	1 727.0	3 976.3	168.4	105.8	274.2	4 250.5	6.5	55.1
July	2 260.1	1 730.6	3 990.7	162.6	104.3	266.9	4 257.6	6.3	55.1
August	2 266.5	1 731.4	3 997.9	158.2	102.8	261.0	4 258.8	6.1	55.1
September	2 268.2	1 730.2	3 998.4	156.6	101.8	258.4	4 256.8	6.1	55.0
October	2 267.1	1 728.3	3 995.4	157.5	101.8	259.4	4 254.8	6.1	54.9
November	2 265.0	1 727.8	3 992.8	159.8	102.8	262.5	4 255.4	6.2	54.9
December	2 264.1	1 729.1	3 993.2	162.0	104.4	266.4	4 259.5	6.3	54.9
<b>2001</b>									
January	2 264.6	1 731.3	3 995.9	164.0	106.3	270.3	4 266.2	6.3	54.9
February	2 265.9	1 733.3	3 999.3	165.9	107.9	273.8	4 273.0	6.4	54.9
<b>PERSONS</b>									
<b>1999</b>									
December	6 576.0	2 327.2	8 903.2	495.5	164.9	660.4	9 563.6	6.9	63.3
<b>2000</b>									
January	6 591.5	2 335.1	8 926.6	492.0	164.5	656.5	9 583.1	6.9	63.4
February	6 608.1	2 341.9	8 950.1	488.6	165.8	654.4	9 604.5	6.8	63.4
March	6 627.2	2 348.8	8 976.0	485.2	167.8	653.0	9 629.0	6.8	63.5
April	6 648.8	2 356.4	9 005.2	480.7	169.3	650.0	9 655.2	6.7	63.6
May	6 671.3	2 366.0	9 037.3	474.3	169.7	644.0	9 681.3	6.7	63.7
June	6 691.8	2 375.6	9 067.4	466.8	168.9	635.8	9 703.2	6.6	63.8
July	6 707.4	2 382.9	9 090.3	460.4	167.4	627.8	9 718.1	6.5	63.8
August	6 714.9	2 387.6	9 102.5	456.0	165.4	621.4	9 723.9	6.4	63.8
September	6 713.7	2 390.3	9 104.0	456.0	164.0	620.0	9 723.9	6.4	63.7
October	6 706.1	2 392.2	9 098.3	460.5	163.7	624.1	9 722.5	6.4	63.6
November	6 696.1	2 395.1	9 091.2	467.4	164.6	631.9	9 723.2	6.5	63.6
December	6 687.0	2 399.6	9 086.7	474.6	166.5	641.2	9 727.8	6.6	63.5
<b>2001</b>									
January	6 679.6	2 405.2	9 084.7	481.6	168.9	650.6	9 735.3	6.7	63.5
February	6 673.7	2 411.0	9 084.8	487.9	171.3	659.2	9 744.0	6.8	63.5

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
<b>1999</b>												
December	50.1	271.9	322.0	65.7	387.7	23.2	6.0	6.7	9.6	7.1	7.3	4.0
<b>2000</b>												
January	51.0	293.6	344.6	62.5	407.1	23.4	6.5	7.3	9.3	7.6	7.4	4.3
February	45.8	280.7	326.5	66.1	392.6	22.4	6.2	6.9	9.7	7.2	6.7	4.1
March	38.9	271.9	310.9	71.3	382.2	21.3	6.0	6.6	10.0	7.1	5.7	4.0
April	35.7	260.7	296.3	68.5	364.9	19.0	5.8	6.3	9.3	6.7	5.2	3.8
May	33.9	264.0	297.8	58.7	356.5	18.8	5.8	6.3	8.2	6.6	4.9	3.9
June	32.4	260.8	293.2	55.1	348.3	17.7	5.7	6.2	7.8	6.4	4.7	3.8
July	32.3	245.1	277.3	60.0	337.3	16.8	5.4	5.8	8.4	6.2	4.7	3.6
August	30.8	264.6	295.4	57.1	352.5	18.4	5.8	6.3	8.0	6.5	4.5	3.9
September	31.5	269.3	300.8	69.3	370.2	17.8	5.9	6.3	9.4	6.7	4.6	3.9
October	32.5	255.8	288.3	57.3	345.6	19.1	5.6	6.1	7.9	6.3	4.7	3.7
November	40.9	259.4	300.3	51.3	351.7	22.7	5.7	6.3	7.3	6.5	5.9	3.8
December	46.4	261.9	308.3	67.2	375.5	22.3	5.7	6.4	9.3	6.8	6.7	3.8
<b>2001</b>												
January	54.5	291.9	346.4	65.3	411.7	26.8	6.4	7.3	9.0	7.5	7.9	4.3
February	55.8	303.0	358.8	70.4	429.2	28.2	6.6	7.5	9.7	7.8	8.0	4.4
FEMALES												
<b>1999</b>												
December	37.8	146.9	184.7	94.8	279.5	27.7	6.4	7.5	5.3	6.6	5.8	2.1
<b>2000</b>												
January	32.7	155.8	188.5	100.7	289.2	24.3	6.9	7.9	6.0	7.1	5.0	2.2
February	31.8	169.1	200.8	125.2	326.1	25.1	7.5	8.4	6.9	7.8	4.8	2.4
March	27.8	169.6	197.4	120.6	318.0	24.7	7.4	8.2	6.6	7.5	4.2	2.4
April	28.6	153.3	181.8	112.6	294.4	25.1	6.7	7.6	6.1	7.0	4.3	2.2
May	31.8	154.2	186.0	100.4	286.4	27.3	6.8	7.8	5.4	6.8	4.8	2.2
June	26.0	126.5	152.5	107.7	260.3	23.7	5.6	6.4	5.8	6.2	3.9	1.8
July	25.3	119.7	145.0	94.2	239.2	21.4	5.2	5.9	5.2	5.6	3.8	1.7
August	23.8	125.2	149.0	99.8	248.8	21.6	5.5	6.3	5.4	5.9	3.6	1.8
September	21.9	132.4	154.2	107.6	261.8	20.1	5.7	6.3	5.7	6.1	3.3	1.9
October	20.1	124.9	145.0	94.8	239.8	19.2	5.4	6.0	5.2	5.6	3.0	1.8
November	23.1	131.4	154.5	94.8	249.3	21.0	5.7	6.4	5.2	5.9	3.5	1.9
December	33.4	134.2	167.6	94.5	262.1	24.5	5.7	6.8	5.1	6.1	5.1	1.9
<b>2001</b>												
January	31.4	141.3	172.7	105.1	277.8	22.8	6.2	7.1	6.0	6.6	4.7	2.0
February	36.7	154.3	190.9	128.7	319.6	27.3	6.6	7.7	7.1	7.4	5.5	2.2
PERSONS												
<b>1999</b>												
December	87.9	418.8	506.7	160.5	667.2	25.0	6.1	7.0	6.5	6.9	6.6	3.0
<b>2000</b>												
January	83.8	449.4	533.2	163.2	696.3	23.7	6.7	7.5	6.9	7.4	6.2	3.3
February	77.6	449.7	527.3	191.4	718.7	23.4	6.6	7.4	7.7	7.5	5.8	3.3
March	66.8	441.5	508.3	191.8	700.2	22.6	6.5	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.0	3.2
April	64.3	413.9	478.2	181.1	659.3	21.3	6.1	6.7	7.0	6.8	4.8	3.0
May	65.7	418.2	483.9	159.1	643.0	22.2	6.2	6.8	6.2	6.7	4.9	3.0
June	58.4	387.3	445.7	162.9	608.6	20.0	5.7	6.3	6.4	6.3	4.3	2.8
July	57.6	364.8	422.4	154.2	576.5	18.6	5.3	5.9	6.1	5.9	4.3	2.6
August	54.6	389.8	444.4	156.9	601.3	19.7	5.7	6.3	6.1	6.2	4.0	2.8
September	53.3	401.7	455.1	176.9	632.0	18.7	5.8	6.3	6.8	6.4	3.9	2.9
October	52.6	380.7	433.3	152.1	585.4	19.2	5.5	6.1	5.9	6.0	3.9	2.7
November	64.0	390.8	454.8	146.2	601.0	22.1	5.7	6.4	5.8	6.2	4.7	2.8
December	79.8	396.1	475.9	161.7	637.6	23.2	5.7	6.5	6.3	6.5	5.9	2.8
<b>2001</b>												
January	85.9	433.2	519.1	170.4	689.5	25.2	6.3	7.2	6.9	7.2	6.3	3.1
February	92.4	457.3	549.7	199.1	748.9	27.8	6.6	7.6	7.8	7.6	6.8	3.3

## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Seasonally adjusted(a)

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
<b>1999</b>												
December	41.7	282.2	324.0	61.7	385.7	21.6	6.2	6.9	9.0	7.2	6.1	4.2
<b>2000</b>												
January	40.3	274.5	314.8	59.9	374.6	20.8	6.1	6.7	8.6	7.0	5.9	4.1
February	41.4	258.3	299.7	60.9	360.6	21.6	5.7	6.4	8.7	6.7	6.0	3.8
March	38.2	266.6	304.8	62.2	367.0	20.8	5.9	6.5	8.9	6.8	5.6	3.9
April	36.7	266.6	303.3	64.5	367.8	19.4	5.9	6.4	9.0	6.8	5.3	3.9
May	35.2	267.3	302.5	60.2	362.7	18.8	5.9	6.4	8.5	6.7	5.1	3.9
June	34.1	266.7	300.8	61.9	362.7	17.5	5.9	6.3	9.0	6.7	4.9	3.9
July	35.2	259.0	294.1	65.8	360.0	18.6	5.7	6.2	9.0	6.6	5.1	3.8
August	35.1	263.5	298.6	63.5	362.1	19.4	5.8	6.3	8.8	6.6	5.1	3.9
September	34.5	260.6	295.1	62.4	357.5	18.9	5.7	6.2	8.6	6.5	5.0	3.8
October	37.0	268.2	305.3	59.8	365.1	20.9	5.9	6.4	8.2	6.7	5.4	3.9
November	43.5	264.8	308.3	60.2	368.5	23.0	5.8	6.5	8.3	6.7	6.3	3.9
December	38.7	271.6	310.3	62.9	373.2	20.7	6.0	6.5	8.7	6.8	5.6	4.0
<b>2001</b>												
January	43.0	273.0	316.0	63.1	379.1	23.9	6.0	6.7	8.5	6.9	6.2	4.0
February	50.4	278.9	329.4	64.9	394.3	27.4	6.1	7.0	8.7	7.2	7.3	4.1
FEMALES												
<b>1999</b>												
December	30.2	151.6	181.8	102.7	284.5	25.6	6.7	7.6	5.7	6.8	4.6	2.2
<b>2000</b>												
January	26.3	149.3	175.6	103.0	278.6	23.1	6.6	7.4	5.7	6.7	4.0	2.1
February	28.0	149.2	177.2	107.8	285.0	24.0	6.6	7.5	5.9	6.8	4.3	2.1
March	27.6	157.2	184.8	106.9	291.7	23.9	6.9	7.7	5.9	6.9	4.2	2.2
April	29.1	150.1	179.2	107.0	286.2	24.9	6.6	7.4	5.9	6.8	4.4	2.1
May	31.1	155.4	186.4	103.8	290.2	25.6	6.8	7.7	5.7	6.8	4.7	2.2
June	29.6	130.1	159.7	111.3	271.0	24.8	5.7	6.6	6.1	6.4	4.5	1.8
July	29.1	130.2	159.3	101.6	260.9	24.5	5.7	6.6	5.5	6.1	4.4	1.8
August	27.0	132.1	159.1	105.4	264.5	22.4	5.7	6.6	5.7	6.2	4.1	1.9
September	24.5	130.3	154.8	99.6	254.4	21.2	5.6	6.4	5.5	6.0	3.7	1.8
October	23.2	130.1	153.3	98.5	251.8	20.9	5.6	6.3	5.4	5.9	3.5	1.8
November	23.9	139.0	162.9	104.4	267.3	20.8	6.0	6.7	5.8	6.3	3.6	2.0
December	26.7	138.3	165.0	102.9	267.9	22.7	6.0	6.8	5.6	6.3	4.0	1.9
<b>2001</b>												
January	25.3	135.6	160.9	107.4	268.3	21.7	5.9	6.7	5.8	6.3	3.8	1.9
February	32.4	136.3	168.7	110.8	279.5	26.1	5.8	6.9	6.0	6.5	4.9	1.9
PERSONS												
<b>1999</b>												
December	72.0	433.8	505.8	164.4	670.2	23.1	6.4	7.1	6.6	7.0	5.4	3.2
<b>2000</b>												
January	66.6	423.7	490.3	162.9	653.2	21.6	6.3	6.9	6.5	6.8	5.0	3.1
February	69.4	407.4	476.9	168.7	645.6	22.5	6.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.2	3.0
March	65.9	423.8	489.7	169.1	658.7	22.0	6.2	6.9	6.7	6.8	4.9	3.1
April	65.8	416.7	482.5	171.5	654.0	21.5	6.1	6.8	6.8	6.8	4.9	3.0
May	66.2	422.7	488.9	164.0	652.9	21.5	6.2	6.8	6.5	6.7	4.9	3.1
June	63.7	396.8	460.5	173.2	633.7	20.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	6.5	4.7	2.9
July	64.3	389.2	453.5	167.4	620.9	20.8	5.7	6.3	6.5	6.4	4.8	2.8
August	62.1	395.6	457.7	168.9	626.6	20.6	5.8	6.4	6.5	6.4	4.6	2.8
September	59.0	390.9	449.9	162.0	611.9	19.8	5.7	6.3	6.4	6.3	4.4	2.8
October	60.3	398.3	458.6	158.3	616.9	20.9	5.8	6.4	6.2	6.3	4.5	2.9
November	67.4	403.8	471.2	164.6	635.8	22.2	5.9	6.6	6.5	6.6	5.0	2.9
December	65.4	409.9	475.3	165.8	641.1	21.5	6.0	6.6	6.5	6.6	4.8	2.9
<b>2001</b>												
January	68.2	408.6	476.9	170.6	647.4	23.0	6.0	6.7	6.5	6.6	5.0	2.9
February	82.8	415.2	498.1	175.7	673.8	26.9	6.0	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.1	3.0

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend(a)

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
<b>1999</b>												
December	40.8	274.5	315.3	61.0	376.3	21.2	6.1	6.7	8.9	7.0	6.0	4.1
<b>2000</b>												
January	40.8	271.0	311.7	60.4	372.2	21.3	6.0	6.6	8.7	6.9	5.9	4.0
February	39.9	268.1	308.0	60.8	368.8	21.0	5.9	6.5	8.7	6.8	5.8	4.0
March	38.6	266.4	304.9	61.6	366.5	20.3	5.9	6.5	8.8	6.8	5.6	3.9
April	37.1	265.3	302.3	62.3	364.6	19.5	5.8	6.4	8.8	6.7	5.4	3.9
May	35.6	264.5	300.1	62.9	363.0	18.8	5.8	6.3	8.9	6.7	5.2	3.9
June	34.7	263.7	298.4	63.1	361.6	18.5	5.8	6.3	8.9	6.6	5.0	3.9
July	34.5	263.3	297.8	63.1	360.9	18.5	5.8	6.3	8.8	6.6	5.0	3.9
August	34.9	262.9	297.8	62.6	360.5	18.9	5.8	6.3	8.7	6.6	5.1	3.9
September	36.1	263.3	299.4	62.1	361.6	19.6	5.8	6.3	8.6	6.6	5.2	3.9
October	37.7	265.2	302.9	61.8	364.8	20.6	5.8	6.4	8.5	6.7	5.5	3.9
November	39.8	267.8	307.6	61.8	369.4	21.7	5.9	6.5	8.5	6.8	5.7	3.9
December	42.0	270.7	312.7	62.1	374.8	22.9	5.9	6.6	8.5	6.9	6.1	3.9
<b>2001</b>												
January	44.2	273.4	317.6	62.7	380.3	24.1	6.0	6.7	8.5	7.0	6.4	4.0
February	46.3	275.7	322.0	63.5	385.4	25.1	6.1	6.8	8.6	7.0	6.7	4.0
FEMALES												
<b>1999</b>												
December	29.1	151.0	180.2	103.9	284.0	24.9	6.7	7.6	5.7	6.8	4.5	2.2
<b>2000</b>												
January	28.5	151.8	180.3	104.1	284.4	24.4	6.7	7.6	5.8	6.8	4.3	2.2
February	28.2	152.3	180.5	105.1	285.6	24.2	6.7	7.6	5.8	6.8	4.3	2.2
March	28.5	151.7	180.2	106.2	286.5	24.4	6.7	7.5	5.9	6.8	4.3	2.2
April	29.1	149.3	178.4	107.0	285.4	24.7	6.5	7.4	5.9	6.8	4.4	2.1
May	29.5	144.8	174.2	106.8	281.0	24.8	6.3	7.2	5.8	6.6	4.5	2.1
June	29.2	139.2	168.4	105.8	274.2	24.5	6.1	7.0	5.8	6.5	4.4	2.0
July	28.2	134.4	162.6	104.3	266.9	23.7	5.8	6.7	5.7	6.3	4.3	1.9
August	26.7	131.5	158.2	102.8	261.0	22.7	5.7	6.5	5.6	6.1	4.1	1.9
September	25.4	131.2	156.6	101.8	258.4	21.9	5.7	6.5	5.6	6.1	3.8	1.9
October	24.8	132.8	157.5	101.8	259.4	21.5	5.7	6.5	5.6	6.1	3.8	1.9
November	25.0	134.7	159.8	102.8	262.5	21.6	5.8	6.6	5.6	6.2	3.8	1.9
December	25.9	136.1	162.0	104.4	266.4	22.2	5.9	6.7	5.7	6.3	3.9	1.9
<b>2001</b>												
January	27.0	137.0	164.0	106.3	270.3	22.9	5.9	6.8	5.8	6.3	4.1	1.9
February	28.3	137.5	165.9	107.9	273.8	23.7	5.9	6.8	5.9	6.4	4.3	1.9
PERSONS												
<b>1999</b>												
December	70.0	425.5	495.5	164.9	660.4	22.6	6.3	7.0	6.6	6.9	5.2	3.1
<b>2000</b>												
January	69.2	422.8	492.0	164.5	656.5	22.5	6.2	6.9	6.6	6.9	5.2	3.1
February	68.1	420.5	488.6	165.8	654.4	22.2	6.2	6.9	6.6	6.8	5.1	3.0
March	67.1	418.1	485.2	167.8	653.0	21.9	6.1	6.8	6.7	6.8	5.0	3.0
April	66.2	414.6	480.7	169.3	650.0	21.5	6.1	6.7	6.7	6.7	4.9	3.0
May	65.1	409.2	474.3	169.7	644.0	21.1	6.0	6.6	6.7	6.7	4.8	3.0
June	63.9	402.9	466.8	168.9	635.8	20.8	5.9	6.5	6.6	6.6	4.7	2.9
July	62.7	397.7	460.4	167.4	627.8	20.5	5.8	6.4	6.6	6.5	4.6	2.9
August	61.7	394.3	456.0	165.4	621.4	20.4	5.7	6.4	6.5	6.4	4.6	2.8
September	61.5	394.5	456.0	164.0	620.0	20.5	5.7	6.4	6.4	6.4	4.5	2.8
October	62.5	398.0	460.5	163.7	624.1	20.9	5.8	6.4	6.4	6.4	4.6	2.9
November	64.8	402.6	467.4	164.6	631.9	21.7	5.9	6.5	6.4	6.5	4.8	2.9
December	67.9	406.8	474.6	166.5	641.2	22.6	5.9	6.6	6.5	6.6	5.0	2.9
<b>2001</b>												
January	71.2	410.4	481.6	168.9	650.6	23.6	6.0	6.7	6.6	6.7	5.3	2.9
February	74.6	413.3	487.9	171.3	659.2	24.6	6.0	6.8	6.6	6.8	5.5	3.0

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

				Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15-19	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total								
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	131.2	37.5	168.7	47.0	4.4	51.4	220.2	26.1	246.2	23.4	89.4
Females	83.9	43.9	127.8	26.9	4.8	31.7	159.5	31.8	191.3	19.9	83.4
Persons	215.1	81.4	296.5	73.9	9.1	83.1	379.6	57.9	437.5	21.9	86.8
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	10.0	52.2	62.2	5.4	11.1	16.5	78.7	44.7	123.4	21.0	63.8
Females	13.9	72.8	86.7	6.3	13.7	20.0	106.8	51.3	158.1	18.8	67.5
Persons	23.9	125.0	148.9	11.7	24.8	36.6	185.5	96.1	281.5	19.7	65.9
ATTENDING SCHOOL											
Males	* 0.5	99.0	99.5	* 3.3	25.9	29.2	128.7	195.8	324.5	22.7	39.7
Females	* 0.0	112.9	112.9	* 3.4	27.6	31.1	144.0	169.3	313.3	21.6	46.0
Persons	* 0.5	211.9	212.4	6.7	53.5	60.3	272.7	365.1	637.8	22.1	42.8
TOTAL											
Males	141.7	188.7	330.5	55.8	41.4	97.1	427.6	266.6	694.2	22.7	61.6
Females	97.8	229.6	327.4	36.7	46.1	82.8	410.2	252.5	662.7	20.2	61.9
<b>Persons</b>	<b>239.5</b>	<b>418.3</b>	<b>657.9</b>	<b>92.4</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>179.9</b>	<b>837.8</b>	<b>519.0</b>	<b>1 356.8</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>61.7</b>

## EMPLOYED.....

## UNEMPLOYED.....

									Civilian population aged 15 and over			
									Labour force	Not in labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	'000	'000	Total	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES												
New South Wales	1 477.7	201.9	1 679.6	105.7	24.4	130.0	1 809.6	743.5	2 553.2	7.2	70.9	
Victoria	1 133.6	177.2	1 310.8	76.7	16.6	93.2	1 404.0	484.8	1 888.9	6.6	74.3	
Queensland	805.4	119.9	925.3	85.4	14.5	99.9	1 025.2	379.2	1 404.4	9.7	73.0	
South Australia	321.0	53.7	374.7	29.7	5.9	35.7	410.4	181.6	592.0	8.7	69.3	
Western Australia	459.8	68.4	528.2	41.0	5.5	46.5	574.8	175.8	750.6	8.1	76.6	
Tasmania	96.9	14.0	111.0	12.4	1.5	13.9	124.8	56.1	180.9	11.1	69.0	
Northern Territory	42.5	8.0	50.6	3.9	* 0.3	4.2	54.8	19.1	73.9	7.7	74.2	
Australian Capital Territory	76.3	10.6	86.9	4.1	1.7	5.8	92.7	26.3	119.0	6.3	77.9	
Australia	4 413.3	653.9	5 067.2	358.8	70.4	429.2	5 496.4	2 066.5	7 562.9	7.8	72.7	
FEMALES												
New South Wales	790.6	525.5	1 316.1	59.6	36.4	96.0	1 412.1	1 216.9	2 629.0	6.8	53.7	
Victoria	572.5	427.9	1 000.5	42.9	35.4	78.3	1 078.8	886.2	1 965.0	7.3	54.9	
Queensland	419.1	326.6	745.7	50.8	28.0	78.8	824.6	608.6	1 433.2	9.6	57.5	
South Australia	157.4	142.3	299.7	11.6	10.1	21.7	321.3	295.9	617.2	6.7	52.1	
Western Australia	222.3	188.0	410.3	18.0	13.2	31.2	441.5	309.8	751.3	7.1	58.8	
Tasmania	45.2	44.0	89.2	4.0	2.9	6.9	96.1	95.0	191.1	7.2	50.3	
Northern Territory	29.0	10.7	39.8	1.7	* 0.6	2.4	42.1	25.6	67.7	5.6	62.2	
Australian Capital Territory	50.3	28.4	78.7	2.3	2.1	4.4	83.1	41.3	124.4	5.3	66.8	
Australia	2 286.6	1 693.4	3 980.0	190.9	128.7	319.6	4 299.6	3 479.3	7 778.9	7.4	55.3	
PERSONS												
New South Wales	2 268.3	727.5	2 995.8	165.2	60.8	226.0	3 221.8	1 960.4	5 182.2	7.0	62.2	
Victoria	1 706.2	605.1	2 311.3	119.6	51.9	171.5	2 482.8	1 371.1	3 853.9	6.9	64.4	
Queensland	1 224.6	446.5	1 671.1	136.2	42.6	178.7	1 849.8	987.8	2 837.6	9.7	65.2	
South Australia	478.4	196.0	674.4	41.3	16.0	57.3	731.7	477.5	1 209.2	7.8	60.5	
Western Australia	682.2	256.4	938.5	59.0	18.7	77.7	1 016.3	485.6	1 501.9	7.6	67.7	
Tasmania	142.1	58.0	200.1	16.4	4.4	20.8	220.9	151.1	372.0	9.4	59.4	
Northern Territory	71.6	18.8	90.3	5.6	1.0	6.6	96.9	44.7	141.6	6.8	68.5	
Australian Capital Territory	126.6	39.0	165.6	6.4	3.8	10.2	175.8	67.6	243.4	5.8	72.2	
<b>Australia</b>	<b>6 699.8</b>	<b>2 347.3</b>	<b>9 047.1</b>	<b>549.7</b>	<b>199.1</b>	<b>748.9</b>	<b>9 796.0</b>	<b>5 545.8</b>	<b>15 341.8</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>63.9</b>	

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NEW SOUTH WALES												
<b>1999</b>												
December	29.4	120.5	149.9	47.1	197.0	26.0	5.1	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.6	2.6
<b>2000</b>												
January	24.9	135.2	160.1	40.5	200.6	21.4	5.8	6.6	5.8	6.4	5.6	2.9
February	22.9	129.9	152.8	59.2	212.0	20.8	5.6	6.3	7.6	6.6	5.2	2.8
March	18.6	131.8	150.4	56.0	206.5	19.5	5.7	6.2	7.0	6.4	4.2	2.8
April	15.4	118.5	133.9	49.0	182.9	15.5	5.1	5.5	6.2	5.7	3.5	2.5
May	17.4	115.4	132.8	49.1	181.9	18.2	5.0	5.5	6.1	5.6	3.9	2.5
June	19.3	106.7	126.0	50.6	176.6	19.5	4.6	5.2	6.4	5.5	4.3	2.3
July	17.4	99.9	117.4	43.1	160.5	16.7	4.2	4.8	5.5	5.0	3.9	2.1
August	19.3	107.9	127.2	46.2	173.4	20.5	4.7	5.3	5.8	5.4	4.3	2.3
September	16.5	112.3	128.9	51.7	180.5	17.6	4.8	5.3	6.3	5.5	3.7	2.4
October	16.2	108.9	125.1	44.1	169.2	18.3	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.3	3.6	2.3
November	19.6	112.3	131.9	43.5	175.4	21.4	4.8	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.4	2.4
December	26.1	121.7	147.8	41.8	189.6	24.1	5.2	6.0	5.2	5.8	5.8	2.6
<b>2001</b>												
January	29.4	126.3	155.7	47.4	203.1	26.3	5.5	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.6	2.7
February	26.9	138.4	165.2	60.8	226.0	25.7	5.9	6.8	7.7	7.0	6.0	2.9
VICTORIA												
<b>1999</b>												
December	18.0	100.3	118.3	47.0	165.3	23.8	5.9	6.6	7.3	6.8	5.5	2.9
<b>2000</b>												
January	20.8	100.6	121.4	47.3	168.7	26.7	6.0	7.0	7.9	7.2	6.4	2.9
February	16.8	105.0	121.8	53.0	174.8	24.9	6.2	6.9	8.5	7.3	5.2	3.0
March	15.4	103.9	119.3	54.4	173.7	26.4	6.1	6.8	8.3	7.2	4.7	3.0
April	14.0	99.1	113.1	51.3	164.4	25.0	5.9	6.5	7.8	6.9	4.3	2.8
May	17.3	103.6	120.9	42.7	163.6	27.8	6.1	6.9	6.5	6.8	5.3	3.0
June	12.3	96.3	108.5	41.9	150.4	21.5	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.2	3.8	2.8
July	13.0	87.8	100.8	43.5	144.3	21.7	5.1	5.6	6.6	5.9	4.0	2.5
August	8.9	96.9	105.8	40.3	146.1	16.3	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.1	2.7	2.8
September	11.2	102.2	113.5	48.3	161.8	18.2	5.9	6.3	7.2	6.6	3.4	2.9
October	10.3	94.3	104.6	39.8	144.4	17.0	5.4	5.8	6.2	5.9	3.1	2.7
November	11.5	92.8	104.3	36.8	141.1	18.4	5.4	5.8	5.8	5.8	3.5	2.6
December	12.9	89.4	102.3	46.0	148.2	17.7	5.1	5.6	7.1	6.0	3.9	2.5
<b>2001</b>												
January	12.7	101.6	114.4	46.6	161.0	18.4	5.9	6.3	7.5	6.6	3.9	2.9
February	17.5	102.1	119.6	51.9	171.5	25.7	5.8	6.5	7.9	6.9	5.3	2.9
QUEENSLAND												
<b>1999</b>												
December	19.1	99.7	118.8	30.6	149.4	25.1	7.8	8.8	6.4	8.2	7.3	4.0
<b>2000</b>												
January	16.7	101.0	117.7	36.9	154.6	22.4	8.0	8.8	8.1	8.6	6.4	4.0
February	15.5	106.4	121.8	33.4	155.2	22.7	8.4	9.2	6.9	8.6	5.9	4.2
March	15.1	102.2	117.4	39.5	156.8	23.0	8.1	8.8	8.2	8.7	5.8	4.0
April	16.4	94.3	110.7	38.8	149.5	24.2	7.5	8.4	7.7	8.2	6.3	3.7
May	13.6	95.6	109.3	31.2	140.5	21.7	7.6	8.3	6.3	7.7	5.2	3.8
June	12.4	87.1	99.5	35.5	135.0	19.4	6.9	7.5	7.1	7.4	4.7	3.4
July	13.3	82.4	95.6	36.4	132.1	19.1	6.5	7.1	7.3	7.2	5.0	3.2
August	11.5	90.4	101.9	32.3	134.2	20.0	7.1	7.7	6.6	7.4	4.4	3.5
September	12.3	89.1	101.5	36.7	138.2	20.6	6.9	7.5	7.4	7.5	4.7	3.5
October	11.5	85.1	96.6	36.2	132.8	19.1	6.7	7.2	7.5	7.3	4.4	3.3
November	14.6	88.7	103.2	32.8	136.0	23.3	6.9	7.7	6.8	7.5	5.5	3.5
December	18.8	91.4	110.2	40.9	151.1	25.0	7.1	8.1	8.2	8.1	7.1	3.6
<b>2001</b>												
January	21.8	99.1	120.9	36.3	157.2	29.9	7.8	9.0	7.6	8.7	8.2	3.9
February	25.8	110.3	136.2	42.6	178.7	34.2	8.6	10.0	8.7	9.7	9.8	4.3

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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
<b>1999</b>												
December	8.3	38.1	46.4	12.8	59.2	31.4	7.5	8.7	5.9	7.9	8.2	3.5
<b>2000</b>												
January	7.8	41.7	49.5	12.2	61.7	31.6	8.5	9.6	5.7	8.5	7.7	3.8
February	8.8	43.7	52.5	16.1	68.6	32.5	8.6	9.8	7.8	9.3	8.6	4.0
March	7.2	38.9	46.1	13.6	59.8	30.0	7.7	8.8	6.5	8.1	7.1	3.5
April	7.3	40.5	47.8	12.7	60.6	28.3	8.1	9.1	6.0	8.2	7.2	3.7
May	6.8	43.9	50.8	12.4	63.2	29.8	8.8	9.7	5.9	8.6	6.7	4.0
June	6.0	38.3	44.3	11.6	55.9	26.0	7.6	8.4	5.8	7.7	5.8	3.5
July	4.8	36.7	41.5	12.1	53.6	20.5	7.3	7.8	5.9	7.3	4.7	3.3
August	6.0	35.2	41.3	13.5	54.8	25.1	7.0	7.8	6.6	7.5	5.9	3.2
September	5.3	36.6	41.8	14.4	56.2	22.1	7.2	7.8	6.9	7.6	5.1	3.3
October	5.5	33.9	39.4	12.0	51.4	26.6	6.7	7.5	5.8	7.0	5.4	3.1
November	6.3	35.9	42.2	11.7	53.9	27.9	7.1	8.0	5.7	7.4	6.2	3.2
December	6.6	34.6	41.2	13.0	54.2	24.7	6.9	7.8	6.3	7.4	6.4	3.1
<b>2001</b>												
January	6.7	37.2	44.0	14.0	57.9	24.9	7.5	8.4	6.9	8.0	6.5	3.4
February	5.5	35.8	41.3	16.0	57.3	22.1	7.2	8.0	7.5	7.8	5.4	3.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
<b>1999</b>												
December	8.2	38.3	46.5	15.0	61.5	19.2	5.6	6.4	5.6	6.2	6.0	2.9
<b>2000</b>												
January	8.5	47.6	56.1	18.1	74.2	19.8	7.0	7.8	6.8	7.5	6.2	3.6
February	8.7	43.6	52.3	19.2	71.6	21.3	6.4	7.2	7.1	7.2	6.3	3.3
March	6.9	43.9	50.8	18.3	69.1	19.3	6.5	7.1	6.6	7.0	5.0	3.3
April	7.9	40.6	48.4	19.5	68.0	22.1	6.0	6.8	7.1	6.8	5.7	3.0
May	6.0	38.4	44.5	15.1	59.6	17.5	5.7	6.3	5.5	6.1	4.3	2.9
June	4.6	36.7	41.2	15.4	56.7	14.2	5.5	5.9	5.5	5.8	3.3	2.7
July	4.9	39.1	43.9	11.9	55.8	13.0	5.7	6.1	4.5	5.7	3.5	2.9
August	4.9	37.7	42.6	17.3	59.9	15.3	5.6	6.0	6.1	6.1	3.5	2.8
September	4.5	39.2	43.7	16.3	60.0	14.7	5.7	6.1	5.8	6.0	3.2	2.9
October	5.2	37.8	42.9	12.6	55.5	17.0	5.5	6.0	4.6	5.6	3.7	2.8
November	7.9	40.1	48.0	13.2	61.2	22.0	5.9	6.7	4.9	6.2	5.7	3.0
December	10.5	36.7	47.3	13.4	60.7	23.9	5.3	6.4	4.9	6.0	7.5	2.7
<b>2001</b>												
January	9.9	45.5	55.3	15.4	70.7	23.8	6.6	7.6	5.6	7.1	7.0	3.3
February	12.2	46.8	59.0	18.7	77.7	29.7	6.7	8.0	6.8	7.6	8.7	3.4
TASMANIA												
<b>1999</b>												
December	3.2	13.3	16.4	4.6	21.0	32.1	9.0	10.4	7.0	9.4	9.1	4.0
<b>2000</b>												
January	2.8	13.8	16.6	4.3	20.8	31.2	9.4	10.6	6.8	9.5	8.0	4.1
February	3.1	12.0	15.1	5.1	20.2	32.8	8.3	9.7	8.1	9.3	8.9	3.6
March	2.4	12.6	14.9	5.1	20.0	26.9	8.7	9.7	7.7	9.1	6.8	3.7
April	2.4	12.1	14.6	5.3	19.8	29.5	8.3	9.5	8.1	9.1	7.0	3.6
May	3.2	12.2	15.4	3.9	19.4	32.4	8.4	9.9	6.1	8.8	9.3	3.6
June	2.8	13.6	16.4	3.9	20.2	29.2	9.2	10.5	6.1	9.2	8.1	4.0
July	3.0	11.5	14.5	3.9	18.4	35.1	8.1	9.6	5.9	8.5	8.7	3.4
August	3.0	14.7	17.7	4.0	21.8	34.4	10.2	11.6	6.2	10.0	8.7	4.4
September	2.0	14.9	16.9	4.3	21.2	25.1	10.2	11.0	6.5	9.7	5.8	4.4
October	3.0	13.3	16.3	3.9	20.2	40.0	9.1	10.6	5.9	9.2	8.6	4.0
November	2.5	12.8	15.3	4.8	20.1	32.3	8.6	9.8	7.2	9.1	7.3	3.8
December	3.1	12.5	15.5	3.9	19.5	30.0	8.5	9.9	5.6	8.6	8.8	3.7
<b>2001</b>												
January	2.8	13.7	16.5	6.3	22.8	28.4	9.5	10.8	9.3	10.3	8.2	4.1
February	3.2	13.2	16.4	4.4	20.8	30.9	8.9	10.3	7.1	9.4	9.2	3.9

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
<b>1999</b>												
December	* 0.7	3.0	3.7	1.0	4.7	* 19.0	4.0	4.7	5.3	4.9	* 5.1	2.4
<b>2000</b>												
January	1.0	3.1	4.0	1.2	5.3	30.5	4.5	5.6	6.1	5.7	6.7	2.5
February	* 0.5	3.9	4.4	1.6	6.0	* 17.0	5.4	5.8	9.2	6.4	* 3.3	3.1
March	* 0.3	2.9	3.2	* 0.8	4.0	* 9.0	3.8	4.0	* 4.2	4.1	* 2.1	2.3
April	* 0.3	3.4	3.7	1.2	5.0	* 9.3	4.7	4.9	6.3	5.2	* 2.3	2.7
May	* 0.3	3.6	3.9	1.2	5.1	* 9.1	5.1	5.2	6.2	5.4	* 2.0	2.8
June	* 0.4	3.7	4.1	* 0.7	4.8	* 12.1	5.1	5.4	* 3.5	5.0	* 2.8	2.9
July	* 0.6	3.1	3.6	* 0.9	4.6	* 14.6	4.4	4.9	* 4.6	4.8	* 3.8	2.5
August	* 0.3	2.5	2.8	1.1	3.9	* 9.5	3.6	3.9	5.6	4.2	* 2.1	2.0
September	* 0.7	3.0	3.7	2.1	5.7	* 17.9	4.1	4.7	9.1	5.7	* 4.5	2.4
October	* 0.3	2.8	3.2	1.2	4.4	* 9.2	3.8	4.1	5.4	4.4	* 2.3	2.3
November	* 0.7	3.8	4.5	* 0.7	5.2	* 19.4	5.2	5.8	* 3.1	5.2	* 4.6	3.0
December	1.2	4.5	5.7	* 0.8	6.5	34.4	6.0	7.3	* 3.5	6.5	8.4	3.6
<b>2001</b>												
January	1.6	4.4	6.0	1.0	7.0	35.6	6.1	7.8	5.5	7.4	10.7	3.5
February	* 0.7	5.0	5.6	1.0	6.6	* 16.8	6.8	7.3	4.8	6.8	* 4.4	3.9
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
<b>1999</b>												
December	* 0.9	5.7	6.6	2.4	9.0	* 23.9	4.5	5.1	5.4	5.2	* 3.9	2.6
<b>2000</b>												
January	1.3	6.4	7.7	2.8	10.5	27.3	5.1	5.9	6.5	6.1	5.5	3.0
February	1.3	5.3	6.6	3.7	10.3	25.8	4.1	5.0	8.7	5.9	5.5	2.5
March	* 0.9	5.4	6.3	4.0	10.3	* 20.5	4.2	4.7	9.7	5.9	* 3.8	2.5
April	* 0.5	5.4	5.9	3.2	9.1	* 11.1	4.2	4.5	7.4	5.2	* 2.3	2.5
May	* 0.9	5.4	6.3	3.5	9.8	* 19.3	4.2	4.8	8.1	5.6	* 3.8	2.5
June	* 0.7	5.0	5.7	3.3	9.0	* 16.2	4.0	4.4	7.3	5.1	* 2.8	2.3
July	* 0.7	4.2	4.9	2.3	7.3	* 18.1	3.3	3.7	5.5	4.1	* 2.9	1.9
August	* 0.7	4.5	5.1	2.0	7.1	* 22.4	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.0	* 2.7	2.0
September	* 0.9	4.2	5.1	3.2	8.3	* 22.3	3.3	3.9	6.8	4.6	* 3.8	1.9
October	* 0.7	4.6	5.2	2.2	7.4	* 22.5	3.6	4.0	4.6	4.2	* 2.8	2.1
November	* 0.9	4.4	5.3	2.7	8.1	* 25.4	3.5	4.1	5.7	4.5	* 3.9	2.0
December	* 0.6	5.3	5.9	1.9	7.8	* 16.6	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.4	* 2.6	2.4
<b>2001</b>												
January	* 1.0	5.4	6.3	3.4	9.7	* 23.9	4.2	4.8	8.0	5.6	* 4.0	2.4
February	* 0.6	5.7	6.4	3.8	10.2	* 18.3	4.4	4.8	8.9	5.8	* 2.7	2.6

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....						TREND.....						Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	
	MALES												
<b>1999</b>													
December	1 504.9	1 690.4	116.7	6.5	71.9	1 502.1	1 691.2	109.0	6.1	71.6	1 502.1	1 691.2	2 514.5
<b>2000</b>													
January	1 499.4	1 694.2	109.5	6.1	71.6	1 503.1	1 695.2	107.8	6.0	71.6	1 503.1	1 695.2	2 517.7
February	1 506.1	1 699.7	104.3	5.8	71.6	1 504.5	1 700.4	107.0	5.9	71.7	1 504.5	1 700.4	2 520.9
March	1 501.7	1 702.5	108.9	6.0	71.8	1 506.9	1 706.3	106.4	5.9	71.8	1 506.9	1 706.3	2 524.0
April	1 508.8	1 713.8	105.3	5.8	72.0	1 510.2	1 712.1	105.6	5.8	71.9	1 510.2	1 712.1	2 527.6
May	1 514.6	1 722.1	102.1	5.6	72.1	1 513.8	1 717.4	104.5	5.7	72.0	1 513.8	1 717.4	2 531.1
June	1 519.5	1 720.0	104.2	5.7	72.0	1 516.1	1 721.0	103.7	5.7	72.0	1 516.1	1 721.0	2 534.7
July	1 516.4	1 722.4	106.7	5.8	72.1	1 516.1	1 722.7	103.5	5.7	72.0	1 516.1	1 722.7	2 537.6
August	1 517.4	1 720.1	101.5	5.6	71.7	1 513.1	1 722.4	103.7	5.7	71.9	1 513.1	1 722.4	2 540.5
September	1 506.4	1 723.4	104.3	5.7	71.9	1 507.5	1 719.7	104.7	5.7	71.7	1 507.5	1 719.7	2 543.5
October	1 498.9	1 716.9	106.1	5.8	71.6	1 500.4	1 715.1	106.6	5.9	71.6	1 500.4	1 715.1	2 545.5
November	1 492.8	1 707.3	106.9	5.9	71.2	1 493.3	1 709.5	109.1	6.0	71.4	1 493.3	1 709.5	2 547.4
December	1 488.1	1 707.0	114.0	6.3	71.4	1 487.1	1 703.3	111.9	6.2	71.2	1 487.1	1 703.3	2 549.4
<b>2001</b>													
January	1 476.0	1 694.7	114.6	6.3	70.9	1 481.8	1 697.1	114.6	6.3	71.0	1 481.8	1 697.1	2 551.3
February	1 480.5	1 685.5	119.2	6.6	70.7	1 477.5	1 691.6	117.2	6.5	70.9	1 477.5	1 691.6	2 553.2
<b>FEMALES</b>													
<b>1999</b>													
December	769.0	1 284.7	81.9	6.0	52.6	763.3	1 285.7	81.6	6.0	52.6	763.3	1 285.7	2 598.3
<b>2000</b>													
January	773.0	1 287.5	79.8	5.8	52.6	768.9	1 293.6	81.1	5.9	52.9	768.9	1 293.6	2 600.7
February	762.1	1 302.1	83.2	6.0	53.2	774.3	1 301.3	81.4	5.9	53.1	774.3	1 301.3	2 603.2
March	779.0	1 311.1	83.1	6.0	53.5	780.1	1 309.1	81.9	5.9	53.4	780.1	1 309.1	2 605.6
April	792.2	1 320.3	79.8	5.7	53.7	786.7	1 317.2	81.4	5.8	53.6	786.7	1 317.2	2 608.4
May	794.1	1 327.1	82.8	5.9	54.0	793.0	1 324.9	79.7	5.7	53.8	793.0	1 324.9	2 611.2
June	794.6	1 319.3	81.5	5.8	53.6	797.4	1 330.6	77.4	5.5	53.9	797.4	1 330.6	2 614.0
July	800.2	1 332.4	67.2	4.8	53.5	798.9	1 333.4	75.3	5.3	53.8	798.9	1 333.4	2 616.7
August	803.0	1 351.4	75.4	5.3	54.5	796.9	1 333.1	73.7	5.2	53.7	796.9	1 333.1	2 619.3
September	797.7	1 331.9	73.6	5.2	53.6	792.7	1 330.6	73.3	5.2	53.6	792.7	1 330.6	2 622.0
October	778.3	1 321.8	71.9	5.2	53.1	788.7	1 327.4	73.9	5.3	53.4	788.7	1 327.4	2 623.5
November	786.6	1 314.9	76.6	5.5	53.0	785.8	1 325.2	75.2	5.4	53.3	785.8	1 325.2	2 624.9
December	779.4	1 320.9	77.2	5.5	53.2	784.5	1 324.4	76.7	5.5	53.3	784.5	1 324.4	2 626.4
<b>2001</b>													
January	781.6	1 329.4	76.6	5.4	53.5	784.5	1 325.1	78.1	5.6	53.4	784.5	1 325.1	2 627.7
February	797.5	1 336.4	81.3	5.7	53.9	785.4	1 326.3	78.9	5.6	53.5	785.4	1 326.3	2 629.0
<b>PERSONS</b>													
<b>1999</b>													
December	2 273.9	2 975.1	198.6	6.3	62.1	2 265.4	2 976.9	190.6	6.0	62.0	2 265.4	2 976.9	5 112.8
<b>2000</b>													
January	2 272.4	2 981.7	189.3	6.0	62.0	2 272.0	2 988.8	189.0	5.9	62.1	2 272.0	2 988.8	5 118.4
February	2 268.2	3 001.8	187.5	5.9	62.2	2 278.8	3 001.7	188.5	5.9	62.3	2 278.8	3 001.7	5 124.0
March	2 280.7	3 013.6	192.0	6.0	62.5	2 287.0	3 015.4	188.3	5.9	62.4	2 287.0	3 015.4	5 129.7
April	2 301.0	3 034.0	185.1	5.7	62.7	2 296.9	3 029.3	187.0	5.8	62.6	2 296.9	3 029.3	5 136.0
May	2 308.6	3 049.2	184.9	5.7	62.9	2 306.7	3 042.2	184.2	5.7	62.7	2 306.7	3 042.2	5 142.3
June	2 314.1	3 039.3	185.7	5.8	62.6	2 313.4	3 051.6	181.1	5.6	62.8	2 313.4	3 051.6	5 148.6
July	2 316.6	3 054.8	173.9	5.4	62.6	2 315.0	3 056.1	178.8	5.5	62.8	2 315.0	3 056.1	5 154.3
August	2 320.3	3 071.6	176.9	5.4	63.0	2 310.0	3 055.4	177.4	5.5	62.7	2 310.0	3 055.4	5 159.9
September	2 304.1	3 055.3	177.8	5.5	62.6	2 300.2	3 050.2	178.0	5.5	62.5	2 300.2	3 050.2	5 165.5
October	2 277.2	3 038.7	178.1	5.5	62.2	2 289.0	3 042.6	180.5	5.6	62.4	2 289.0	3 042.6	5 169.0
November	2 279.4	3 022.2	183.5	5.7	62.0	2 279.1	3 034.6	184.3	5.7	62.2	2 279.1	3 034.6	5 172.4
December	2 267.4	3 027.9	191.2	5.9	62.2	2 271.6	3 027.7	188.5	5.9	62.1	2 271.6	3 027.7	5 175.8
<b>2001</b>													
January	2 257.6	3 024.1	191.2	5.9	62.1	2 266.3	3 022.2	192.7	6.0	62.1	2 266.3	3 022.2	5 179.0
February	2 278.0	3 022.0	200.5	6.2	62.2	2 263.0	3 017.9	196.1	6.1	62.0	2 263.0	3 017.9	5 182.2

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

## TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
'000	'000	'000	%	%		'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
<b>1999</b>											
December	1 082.3	1 245.3	95.2	7.1	72.3	1 080.1	1 241.5	91.0	6.8	71.9	1 853.5
<b>2000</b>											
January	1 082.7	1 243.5	88.2	6.6	71.8	1 081.8	1 244.0	89.9	6.7	71.9	1 855.6
February	1 088.9	1 253.2	84.4	6.3	72.0	1 084.0	1 246.7	89.3	6.7	71.9	1 857.8
March	1 086.8	1 248.0	89.4	6.7	71.9	1 086.6	1 250.0	88.8	6.6	72.0	1 860.0
April	1 086.0	1 254.3	90.9	6.8	72.2	1 089.4	1 254.0	88.1	6.6	72.1	1 862.2
May	1 090.5	1 253.7	90.5	6.7	72.1	1 092.8	1 258.9	87.2	6.5	72.2	1 864.3
June	1 096.0	1 261.4	86.3	6.4	72.2	1 097.5	1 265.0	86.3	6.4	72.4	1 866.5
July	1 110.5	1 279.4	80.0	5.9	72.7	1 103.9	1 272.3	85.5	6.3	72.6	1 869.0
August	1 105.6	1 279.9	85.9	6.3	73.0	1 111.4	1 279.6	85.0	6.2	72.9	1 871.5
September	1 117.7	1 284.6	85.3	6.2	73.1	1 118.6	1 286.1	85.4	6.2	73.2	1 874.1
October	1 124.6	1 291.9	87.4	6.3	73.5	1 124.0	1 291.2	86.3	6.3	73.4	1 877.1
November	1 133.2	1 298.0	87.5	6.3	73.7	1 127.4	1 295.5	87.2	6.3	73.5	1 880.1
December	1 134.9	1 298.6	88.4	6.4	73.7	1 129.1	1 299.5	87.8	6.3	73.7	1 883.1
<b>2001</b>											
January	1 127.8	1 300.4	88.0	6.3	73.6	1 129.4	1 302.9	88.1	6.3	73.8	1 886.0
February	1 119.0	1 309.1	86.9	6.2	73.9	1 129.1	1 306.0	87.9	6.3	73.8	1 888.9
FEMALES											
<b>1999</b>											
December	554.1	981.7	71.5	6.8	54.5	545.0	975.8	72.7	6.9	54.2	1 933.4
<b>2000</b>											
January	547.0	970.9	73.9	7.1	54.0	546.7	977.5	73.2	7.0	54.3	1 935.4
February	544.2	978.9	74.3	7.1	54.4	548.3	979.5	73.8	7.0	54.4	1 937.5
March	550.9	986.2	75.2	7.1	54.7	550.0	983.0	74.0	7.0	54.5	1 939.5
April	548.8	980.2	73.3	7.0	54.3	552.0	988.0	73.7	6.9	54.7	1 941.5
May	551.1	993.7	73.2	6.9	54.9	554.6	993.8	72.8	6.8	54.9	1 943.4
June	565.5	1 002.8	70.8	6.6	55.2	557.7	999.2	71.5	6.7	55.0	1 945.3
July	562.2	1 006.9	70.9	6.6	55.3	560.7	1 002.6	69.8	6.5	55.1	1 947.8
August	557.9	1 005.3	66.0	6.2	54.9	562.7	1 003.4	68.0	6.3	54.9	1 950.3
September	562.2	1 000.6	68.9	6.4	54.8	564.0	1 002.4	66.3	6.2	54.7	1 952.8
October	569.3	1 002.7	65.2	6.1	54.6	564.8	1 000.9	65.1	6.1	54.5	1 955.3
November	567.3	995.4	62.1	5.9	54.0	565.4	1 000.5	64.5	6.1	54.4	1 957.8
December	563.2	995.6	61.3	5.8	53.9	566.2	1 001.6	64.5	6.1	54.4	1 960.3
<b>2001</b>											
January	564.2	1 005.9	66.7	6.2	54.7	566.9	1 003.5	64.9	6.1	54.4	1 962.7
February	570.4	1 014.2	69.2	6.4	55.1	567.7	1 005.9	65.8	6.1	54.6	1 965.0
PERSONS											
<b>1999</b>											
December	1 636.4	2 227.1	166.7	7.0	63.2	1 625.1	2 217.4	163.7	6.9	62.9	3 786.8
<b>2000</b>											
January	1 629.6	2 214.4	162.1	6.8	62.7	1 628.5	2 221.5	163.1	6.8	62.9	3 791.1
February	1 633.0	2 232.1	158.7	6.6	63.0	1 632.2	2 226.3	163.1	6.8	63.0	3 795.3
March	1 637.7	2 234.1	164.6	6.9	63.1	1 636.5	2 233.0	162.8	6.8	63.1	3 799.6
April	1 634.8	2 234.6	164.2	6.8	63.1	1 641.4	2 242.0	161.8	6.7	63.2	3 803.6
May	1 641.6	2 247.3	163.6	6.8	63.3	1 647.4	2 252.7	160.0	6.6	63.4	3 807.7
June	1 661.5	2 264.2	157.1	6.5	63.5	1 655.2	2 264.2	157.8	6.5	63.5	3 811.8
July	1 672.7	2 286.4	150.9	6.2	63.9	1 664.6	2 274.9	155.3	6.4	63.7	3 816.8
August	1 663.5	2 285.3	151.9	6.2	63.8	1 674.2	2 282.9	153.0	6.3	63.7	3 821.8
September	1 679.9	2 285.2	154.2	6.3	63.7	1 682.6	2 288.4	151.6	6.2	63.8	3 826.8
October	1 693.9	2 294.6	152.5	6.2	63.9	1 688.7	2 292.1	151.4	6.2	63.8	3 832.4
November	1 700.4	2 293.4	149.6	6.1	63.7	1 692.8	2 296.0	151.7	6.2	63.8	3 837.9
December	1 698.1	2 294.2	149.7	6.1	63.6	1 695.3	2 301.0	152.3	6.2	63.8	3 843.4
<b>2001</b>											
January	1 692.0	2 306.3	154.8	6.3	63.9	1 696.3	2 306.4	153.0	6.2	63.9	3 848.7
February	1 689.3	2 323.3	156.1	6.3	64.3	1 696.7	2 312.0	153.7	6.2	64.0	3 853.9

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Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....						TREND.....						Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	
	MALES												
<b>1999</b>													
December	817.4	927.6	82.9	8.2	73.4	814.7	929.5	81.3	8.0	73.4	814.7	929.5	1 376.6
<b>2000</b>													
January	812.7	933.0	82.9	8.2	73.7	815.4	931.9	81.4	8.0	73.5	815.4	931.9	1 378.6
February	814.5	936.9	79.0	7.8	73.6	817.2	934.8	81.6	8.0	73.6	817.2	934.8	1 380.7
March	819.5	930.8	82.0	8.1	73.2	819.7	938.2	81.6	8.0	73.8	819.7	938.2	1 382.7
April	819.8	942.1	83.9	8.2	74.1	822.7	941.7	81.5	8.0	73.9	822.7	941.7	1 384.5
May	829.5	948.7	79.3	7.7	74.2	825.8	945.4	81.2	7.9	74.0	825.8	945.4	1 386.2
June	831.5	948.1	81.2	7.9	74.2	827.8	948.2	80.5	7.8	74.1	827.8	948.2	1 388.0
July	826.5	951.7	80.2	7.8	74.2	828.2	949.2	79.8	7.8	74.0	828.2	949.2	1 390.1
August	825.1	947.7	78.7	7.7	73.7	827.0	948.6	78.9	7.7	73.8	827.0	948.6	1 392.2
September	829.5	948.9	79.5	7.7	73.8	824.6	946.4	78.6	7.7	73.5	824.6	946.4	1 394.2
October	817.7	939.5	77.1	7.6	72.8	821.5	943.2	79.2	7.7	73.2	821.5	943.2	1 396.2
November	814.4	937.9	79.9	7.9	72.8	818.4	940.0	80.5	7.9	73.0	818.4	940.0	1 398.1
December	824.6	944.2	81.2	7.9	73.2	815.2	936.8	82.4	8.1	72.8	815.2	936.8	1 400.1
<b>2001</b>													
January	807.3	929.7	84.6	8.3	72.3	812.2	933.8	84.5	8.3	72.6	812.2	933.8	1 402.3
February	806.9	929.0	91.1	8.9	72.6	809.4	931.2	86.7	8.5	72.5	809.4	931.2	1 404.4
FEMALES													
<b>1999</b>													
December	395.7	730.9	65.3	8.2	56.8	396.3	728.5	65.3	8.2	56.6	396.3	728.5	1 401.6
<b>2000</b>													
January	400.7	727.2	62.7	7.9	56.3	397.3	729.4	65.0	8.2	56.6	397.3	729.4	1 403.8
February	396.4	731.0	61.1	7.7	56.3	397.5	730.0	64.4	8.1	56.5	397.5	730.0	1 405.9
March	400.2	728.6	68.6	8.6	56.6	397.7	731.2	63.9	8.0	56.5	397.7	731.2	1 408.1
April	396.7	735.9	63.8	8.0	56.7	398.7	733.6	63.3	7.9	56.5	398.7	733.6	1 410.2
May	399.3	736.6	63.3	7.9	56.6	400.8	737.3	62.2	7.8	56.6	400.8	737.3	1 412.3
June	399.1	730.8	58.6	7.4	55.8	404.1	741.2	60.8	7.6	56.7	404.1	741.2	1 414.4
July	412.2	754.0	59.4	7.3	57.4	408.3	744.3	59.8	7.4	56.8	408.3	744.3	1 416.7
August	412.8	752.0	60.2	7.4	57.2	412.1	746.0	59.4	7.4	56.8	412.1	746.0	1 419.0
September	415.8	746.3	58.1	7.2	56.6	414.4	746.5	60.2	7.5	56.8	414.4	746.5	1 421.3
October	418.2	742.2	61.4	7.6	56.5	415.3	746.4	61.8	7.6	56.8	415.3	746.4	1 423.6
November	415.6	740.5	63.9	7.9	56.4	415.1	746.5	63.6	7.8	56.8	415.1	746.5	1 425.9
December	412.6	749.4	68.3	8.3	57.2	414.7	747.1	65.3	8.0	56.9	414.7	747.1	1 428.3
<b>2001</b>													
January	408.0	751.9	63.7	7.8	57.0	414.5	748.1	66.9	8.2	57.0	414.5	748.1	1 430.7
February	420.5	750.7	70.3	8.6	57.3	414.5	749.6	68.2	8.3	57.1	414.5	749.6	1 433.2
PERSONS													
<b>1999</b>													
December	1 213.1	1 658.5	148.2	8.2	65.0	1 211.0	1 658.0	146.6	8.1	65.0	1 211.0	1 658.0	2 778.2
<b>2000</b>													
January	1 213.4	1 660.2	145.6	8.1	64.9	1 212.7	1 661.3	146.4	8.1	65.0	1 212.7	1 661.3	2 782.4
February	1 210.8	1 667.9	140.1	7.7	64.9	1 214.7	1 664.8	146.0	8.1	65.0	1 214.7	1 664.8	2 786.6
March	1 219.7	1 659.3	150.6	8.3	64.9	1 217.5	1 669.3	145.5	8.0	65.0	1 217.5	1 669.3	2 790.8
April	1 216.4	1 678.0	147.7	8.1	65.3	1 221.5	1 675.4	144.8	8.0	65.1	1 221.5	1 675.4	2 794.7
May	1 228.9	1 685.4	142.6	7.8	65.3	1 226.6	1 682.7	143.4	7.9	65.2	1 226.6	1 682.7	2 798.6
June	1 230.6	1 678.9	139.9	7.7	64.9	1 231.9	1 689.4	141.3	7.7	65.3	1 231.9	1 689.4	2 802.4
July	1 238.7	1 705.7	139.6	7.6	65.7	1 236.4	1 693.5	139.5	7.6	65.3	1 236.4	1 693.5	2 806.8
August	1 237.9	1 699.7	138.9	7.6	65.4	1 239.1	1 694.6	138.4	7.5	65.2	1 239.1	1 694.6	2 811.1
September	1 245.3	1 695.1	137.6	7.5	65.1	1 239.0	1 692.9	138.8	7.6	65.1	1 239.0	1 692.9	2 815.5
October	1 236.0	1 681.8	138.5	7.6	64.6	1 236.8	1 689.6	141.0	7.7	64.9	1 236.8	1 689.6	2 819.8
November	1 230.1	1 678.3	143.9	7.9	64.5	1 233.4	1 686.5	144.1	7.9	64.8	1 233.4	1 686.5	2 824.1
December	1 237.2	1 693.6	149.4	8.1	65.2	1 229.9	1 683.9	147.7	8.1	64.8	1 229.9	1 683.9	2 828.4
<b>2001</b>													
January	1 215.3	1 681.6	148.3	8.1	64.6	1 226.7	1 681.8	151.4	8.3	64.7	1 226.7	1 681.8	2 833.0
February	1 227.4	1 679.7	161.4	8.8	64.9	1 224.0	1 680.9	154.9	8.4	64.7	1 224.0	1 680.9	2 837.6

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	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %		Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %		
	MALES					MALES							
<b>1999</b>													
December	321.0	381.1	34.8	8.4	70.8		320.0	377.4	34.9	8.5	70.2		587.5
<b>2000</b>													
January	320.4	377.6	33.8	8.2	70.0		322.6	379.2	34.7	8.4	70.4		587.8
February	328.2	381.2	35.8	8.6	70.9		325.1	380.6	34.8	8.4	70.6		588.1
March	328.3	382.6	33.0	7.9	70.6		326.9	381.4	35.2	8.4	70.8		588.4
April	327.5	382.1	35.9	8.6	71.0		328.0	381.9	35.5	8.5	70.9		588.8
May	326.7	381.4	37.8	9.0	71.1		328.5	382.2	35.6	8.5	70.9		589.2
June	328.6	380.3	35.8	8.6	70.6		328.8	382.5	35.2	8.4	70.8		589.6
July	329.8	383.9	34.0	8.1	70.8		328.9	382.8	34.5	8.3	70.7		590.0
August	329.0	383.5	32.6	7.8	70.5		328.7	382.6	33.6	8.1	70.5		590.4
September	327.8	381.8	32.9	7.9	70.2		328.2	381.9	32.9	7.9	70.2		590.7
October	328.1	382.6	32.2	7.8	70.2		327.1	380.7	32.6	7.9	69.9		591.0
November	326.2	379.4	32.6	7.9	69.7		325.7	379.1	32.6	7.9	69.6		591.3
December	323.0	373.8	32.9	8.1	68.8		324.2	377.6	32.8	8.0	69.4		591.5
<b>2001</b>													
January	323.1	377.8	33.2	8.1	69.5		322.9	376.2	33.0	8.1	69.1		591.8
February	320.8	374.8	33.4	8.2	69.0		321.7	375.1	33.2	8.1	69.0		592.0
FEMALES													
<b>1999</b>													
December	156.5	299.6	24.8	7.6	52.8		152.5	296.1	24.8	7.7	52.3		613.8
<b>2000</b>													
January	147.2	297.7	23.1	7.2	52.2		152.0	296.0	24.9	7.8	52.3		614.0
February	152.8	292.8	27.8	8.7	52.2		151.5	295.3	25.1	7.8	52.2		614.2
March	152.7	293.7	24.9	7.8	51.9		151.4	294.4	25.2	7.9	52.0		614.4
April	151.4	293.6	25.5	8.0	51.9		152.0	294.0	25.1	7.9	51.9		614.7
May	149.5	293.7	24.6	7.7	51.8		153.4	294.4	24.7	7.7	51.9		614.9
June	158.0	294.3	23.1	7.3	51.6		155.3	295.6	24.0	7.5	52.0		615.2
July	155.8	298.2	23.6	7.3	52.3		157.1	296.9	23.4	7.3	52.0		615.5
August	159.4	299.2	23.7	7.3	52.4		158.3	297.5	23.0	7.2	52.0		615.8
September	162.3	298.5	22.4	7.0	52.1		158.7	297.5	22.6	7.1	52.0		616.0
October	156.6	297.3	21.0	6.6	51.6		158.2	297.2	22.1	6.9	51.8		616.3
November	156.4	295.0	22.6	7.1	51.5		157.3	296.8	21.7	6.8	51.7		616.6
December	155.5	295.6	21.6	6.8	51.4		156.5	296.8	21.1	6.7	51.5		616.9
<b>2001</b>													
January	156.5	296.1	20.2	6.4	51.3		155.8	297.0	20.7	6.5	51.5		617.0
February	155.2	301.0	19.8	6.2	52.0		155.1	297.5	20.2	6.4	51.5		617.2
PERSONS													
<b>1999</b>													
December	477.5	680.7	59.5	8.0	61.6		472.5	673.5	59.7	8.1	61.0		1 201.3
<b>2000</b>													
January	467.6	675.3	56.8	7.8	60.9		474.6	675.2	59.6	8.1	61.1		1 201.8
February	481.0	674.0	63.6	8.6	61.3		476.6	675.8	60.0	8.1	61.2		1 202.3
March	481.0	676.3	57.9	7.9	61.0		478.3	675.8	60.4	8.2	61.2		1 202.8
April	478.9	675.8	61.4	8.3	61.3		480.0	675.9	60.6	8.2	61.2		1 203.5
May	476.2	675.2	62.3	8.5	61.2		481.9	676.6	60.3	8.2	61.2		1 204.2
June	486.6	674.6	58.9	8.0	60.9		484.1	678.2	59.3	8.0	61.2		1 204.8
July	485.5	682.2	57.6	7.8	61.4		486.0	679.7	57.9	7.9	61.2		1 205.5
August	488.4	682.7	56.3	7.6	61.3		487.0	680.2	56.6	7.7	61.1		1 206.1
September	490.1	680.3	55.3	7.5	61.0		486.9	679.5	55.5	7.5	60.9		1 206.8
October	484.6	679.8	53.2	7.3	60.7		485.3	677.9	54.7	7.5	60.7		1 207.3
November	482.6	674.4	55.3	7.6	60.4		483.0	676.0	54.3	7.4	60.5		1 207.9
December	478.5	669.5	54.5	7.5	59.9		480.7	674.4	54.0	7.4	60.3		1 208.4
<b>2001</b>													
January	479.7	674.0	53.4	7.3	60.2		478.7	673.2	53.7	7.4	60.1		1 208.8
February	476.0	675.8	53.2	7.3	60.3		476.9	672.6	53.5	7.4	60.0		1 209.2

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	Employed full time '000		Total employed '000		Total unemployed '000		Unemployment rate %		Employed full time '000		Total employed '000		Total unemployed '000		
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %
MALES															
<b>1999</b>															
December	457.6	522.9	36.1	6.5	75.8		456.7	523.0	39.7	7.1	76.3			737.9	
<b>2000</b>															
January	452.4	521.2	41.1	7.3	76.1		457.7	524.0	39.4	7.0	76.3			738.8	
February	461.3	527.5	39.2	6.9	76.6		458.3	524.8	38.6	6.9	76.2			739.7	
March	459.9	525.7	38.5	6.8	76.2		458.7	525.4	37.7	6.7	76.0			740.7	
April	459.0	525.3	37.2	6.6	75.9		458.9	526.0	36.8	6.5	75.9			741.4	
May	457.3	524.8	35.4	6.3	75.5		458.5	526.2	36.2	6.4	75.8			742.1	
June	456.2	525.8	33.1	5.9	75.2		457.3	525.7	36.0	6.4	75.6			742.8	
July	458.5	527.6	35.8	6.4	75.8		455.8	524.7	36.2	6.4	75.4			743.7	
August	457.0	525.8	39.6	7.0	75.9		454.2	523.6	36.5	6.5	75.2			744.7	
September	448.7	518.8	37.4	6.7	74.6		453.2	522.8	36.8	6.6	75.0			745.7	
October	451.3	521.3	36.5	6.6	74.7		453.0	522.7	37.0	6.6	75.0			746.7	
November	452.2	522.3	36.6	6.6	74.8		453.4	523.5	37.1	6.6	75.0			747.6	
December	458.8	525.7	35.6	6.3	75.0		454.4	524.8	37.4	6.7	75.1			748.6	
<b>2001</b>															
January	452.1	527.7	37.0	6.6	75.3		455.5	526.4	38.0	6.7	75.3			749.6	
February	460.0	529.7	42.5	7.4	76.2		456.8	528.0	38.6	6.8	75.5			750.6	
FEMALES															
<b>1999</b>															
December	210.4	400.7	24.4	5.7	57.6		212.7	401.4	25.2	5.9	57.8			738.0	
<b>2000</b>															
January	210.9	401.4	24.9	5.8	57.7		212.9	402.2	25.3	5.9	57.8			738.9	
February	213.1	401.4	23.6	5.6	57.4		212.3	401.9	25.9	6.0	57.8			739.9	
March	211.8	401.6	26.1	6.1	57.7		211.3	400.9	26.7	6.2	57.7			740.9	
April	212.9	400.8	31.6	7.3	58.3		210.2	400.0	27.2	6.4	57.6			741.8	
May	208.3	398.8	26.6	6.3	57.3		209.6	399.9	27.1	6.4	57.5			742.6	
June	206.5	400.6	26.4	6.2	57.4		209.9	400.8	26.3	6.2	57.4			743.4	
July	211.6	398.3	24.8	5.9	56.8		211.0	402.4	25.2	5.9	57.4			744.5	
August	211.0	405.9	24.9	5.8	57.8		213.0	404.8	24.2	5.6	57.6			745.5	
September	218.1	411.0	20.3	4.7	57.8		215.5	407.4	23.8	5.5	57.8			746.5	
October	219.1	410.1	24.0	5.5	58.1		217.7	409.7	24.1	5.6	58.0			747.4	
November	219.6	408.7	27.6	6.3	58.3		219.4	411.4	24.6	5.6	58.3			748.4	
December	220.9	415.2	24.2	5.5	58.6		220.6	412.6	25.2	5.7	58.4			749.4	
<b>2001</b>															
January	218.6	413.6	25.8	5.9	58.6		221.5	413.4	25.6	5.8	58.5			750.3	
February	224.2	412.2	25.7	5.9	58.3		222.3	413.6	26.0	5.9	58.5			751.3	
PERSONS															
<b>1999</b>															
December	668.0	923.6	60.5	6.2	66.7		669.4	924.4	64.9	6.6	67.0			1 475.9	
<b>2000</b>															
January	663.3	922.6	65.9	6.7	66.9		670.6	926.2	64.7	6.5	67.1			1 477.8	
February	674.4	928.9	62.8	6.3	67.0		670.7	926.7	64.5	6.5	67.0			1 479.7	
March	671.7	927.3	64.6	6.5	67.0		670.0	926.3	64.4	6.5	66.9			1 481.6	
April	671.9	926.1	68.8	6.9	67.1		669.0	925.9	64.0	6.5	66.8			1 483.1	
May	665.6	923.6	62.1	6.3	66.4		668.1	926.0	63.3	6.4	66.6			1 484.7	
June	662.7	926.4	59.6	6.0	66.3		667.2	926.4	62.3	6.3	66.5			1 486.2	
July	670.2	925.9	60.6	6.1	66.3		666.8	927.1	61.4	6.2	66.4			1 488.2	
August	668.0	931.7	64.6	6.5	66.9		667.2	928.3	60.7	6.1	66.4			1 490.2	
September	666.8	929.8	57.7	5.8	66.2		668.7	930.2	60.6	6.1	66.4			1 492.2	
October	670.4	931.4	60.5	6.1	66.4		670.7	932.5	61.1	6.1	66.5			1 494.1	
November	671.9	931.0	64.2	6.5	66.5		672.8	934.9	61.7	6.2	66.6			1 496.1	
December	679.7	940.9	59.8	6.0	66.8		674.9	937.4	62.6	6.3	66.8			1 498.0	
<b>2001</b>															
January	670.7	941.3	62.8	6.3	66.9		677.0	939.8	63.6	6.3	66.9			1 499.9	
February	684.2	941.9	68.2	6.8	67.3		679.2	941.6	64.6	6.4	67.0			1 501.9	

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
<b>1999</b>											
December	95.7	110.1	12.6	10.2	68.1	95.9	109.9	12.3	10.1	67.8	180.2
<b>2000</b>											
January	95.8	110.0	11.5	9.5	67.4	95.4	109.8	12.0	9.8	67.5	180.2
February	94.8	109.8	11.1	9.2	67.1	95.1	109.6	11.7	9.6	67.3	180.2
March	94.6	109.6	11.2	9.2	67.0	94.9	109.5	11.5	9.5	67.2	180.3
April	94.4	108.9	11.8	9.8	67.0	94.8	109.5	11.7	9.7	67.2	180.3
May	95.1	109.4	12.0	9.9	67.3	94.8	109.6	12.0	9.9	67.4	180.4
June	95.4	110.1	13.4	10.9	68.4	94.7	109.8	12.4	10.1	67.7	180.4
July	94.8	110.4	11.7	9.5	67.7	94.6	110.1	12.6	10.3	68.0	180.5
August	94.1	110.5	13.0	10.6	68.4	94.5	110.4	12.7	10.3	68.2	180.6
September	94.0	110.6	12.9	10.4	68.4	94.4	110.9	12.7	10.3	68.4	180.6
October	94.3	110.5	12.7	10.3	68.2	94.4	111.2	12.6	10.2	68.5	180.7
November	94.8	111.9	12.6	10.2	68.9	94.5	111.6	12.6	10.1	68.7	180.8
December	95.0	112.8	12.0	9.6	69.0	94.7	111.8	12.6	10.1	68.8	180.8
<b>2001</b>											
January	93.7	112.3	12.7	10.2	69.1	95.0	112.0	12.7	10.2	68.9	180.9
February	96.3	110.9	13.3	10.7	68.7	95.2	112.0	12.7	10.2	69.0	180.9
FEMALES											
<b>1999</b>											
December	43.0	88.7	7.7	8.0	50.7	43.5	88.5	7.9	8.2	50.8	189.9
<b>2000</b>											
January	43.5	90.0	7.9	8.1	51.6	43.3	88.8	8.1	8.4	51.0	190.0
February	43.0	88.2	8.1	8.4	50.7	43.4	89.0	8.2	8.5	51.2	190.0
March	43.9	89.5	8.3	8.5	51.5	43.8	89.1	8.3	8.5	51.2	190.1
April	43.8	88.2	8.9	9.1	51.0	44.2	89.1	8.3	8.5	51.2	190.2
May	44.7	88.8	8.5	8.7	51.1	44.5	89.0	8.2	8.5	51.1	190.3
June	45.9	90.3	7.3	7.5	51.3	44.5	89.0	8.1	8.4	51.0	190.3
July	43.8	88.8	7.9	8.2	50.8	44.4	89.0	8.0	8.3	50.9	190.4
August	44.0	88.9	8.3	8.5	51.0	44.2	89.0	8.0	8.2	50.9	190.5
September	43.4	87.9	8.2	8.6	50.4	43.9	89.1	7.9	8.2	50.9	190.6
October	43.3	89.7	7.6	7.8	51.0	43.7	89.3	7.9	8.1	50.9	190.7
November	44.7	89.6	8.1	8.3	51.2	43.7	89.5	7.8	8.0	51.0	190.8
December	43.6	91.2	6.9	7.0	51.4	43.7	89.6	7.6	7.8	50.9	190.9
<b>2001</b>											
January	43.1	88.2	8.5	8.8	50.6	43.8	89.7	7.4	7.6	50.9	191.0
February	44.2	89.9	6.5	6.8	50.4	43.8	89.8	7.3	7.5	50.8	191.1
PERSONS											
<b>1999</b>											
December	138.6	198.7	20.3	9.3	59.2	139.4	198.4	20.2	9.2	59.1	370.1
<b>2000</b>											
January	139.3	200.1	19.4	8.8	59.3	138.7	198.6	20.0	9.2	59.1	370.2
February	137.8	198.1	19.2	8.8	58.7	138.5	198.6	19.9	9.1	59.0	370.3
March	138.5	199.1	19.5	8.9	59.0	138.7	198.6	19.8	9.1	59.0	370.4
April	138.1	197.2	20.7	9.5	58.8	139.0	198.6	20.0	9.1	59.0	370.5
May	139.8	198.1	20.5	9.4	59.0	139.2	198.7	20.2	9.2	59.1	370.6
June	141.2	200.4	20.7	9.4	59.6	139.2	198.8	20.5	9.4	59.1	370.8
July	138.6	199.2	19.6	9.0	59.0	139.0	199.0	20.7	9.4	59.2	370.9
August	138.1	199.4	21.3	9.7	59.5	138.6	199.5	20.7	9.4	59.3	371.1
September	137.5	198.5	21.1	9.6	59.2	138.3	200.0	20.6	9.3	59.4	371.2
October	137.6	200.2	20.2	9.2	59.3	138.1	200.5	20.5	9.3	59.5	371.4
November	139.5	201.4	20.8	9.3	59.8	138.2	201.0	20.4	9.2	59.6	371.6
December	138.6	204.0	18.9	8.5	59.9	138.4	201.4	20.2	9.1	59.6	371.8
<b>2001</b>											
January	136.8	200.5	21.2	9.6	59.6	138.7	201.7	20.1	9.1	59.6	371.9
February	140.6	200.8	19.8	9.0	59.3	139.0	201.8	20.0	9.0	59.6	372.0

(a) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

## TREND.....

Month	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Civilian population aged 15 and over
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
<b>1999</b>						
December	45.2	51.9	2.3	4.3	74.2	73.0
<b>2000</b>						
January	44.8	51.5	2.4	4.4	73.8	73.1
February	44.6	51.3	2.5	4.6	73.5	73.2
March	44.5	51.2	2.5	4.7	73.3	73.3
April	44.4	51.0	2.6	4.8	73.2	73.3
May	44.3	50.8	2.7	5.0	73.1	73.2
June	44.1	50.8	2.8	5.2	73.0	73.2
July	43.9	50.7	2.9	5.5	73.1	73.4
August	43.8	50.8	3.1	5.8	73.4	73.5
September	43.8	51.0	3.4	6.3	73.9	73.6
October	43.8	51.3	3.6	6.6	74.5	73.7
November	43.8	51.5	3.9	7.0	75.1	73.8
December	43.9	51.8	4.0	7.2	75.6	73.8
<b>2001</b>						
January	43.9	52.1	4.1	7.3	76.0	73.8
February	44.0	52.3	4.1	7.2	76.3	73.9
FEMALES						
<b>1999</b>						
December	27.6	40.0	2.0	4.8	63.2	66.5
<b>2000</b>						
January	27.8	40.0	2.1	4.9	63.2	66.6
February	28.1	40.1	2.1	5.0	63.3	66.7
March	28.2	40.2	2.2	5.1	63.4	66.7
April	28.2	40.1	2.1	5.1	63.2	66.8
May	28.0	39.8	2.1	5.0	62.7	66.9
June	27.7	39.6	2.0	4.9	62.2	67.0
July	27.5	39.7	1.9	4.7	62.0	67.1
August	27.5	39.9	1.9	4.5	62.3	67.1
September	27.7	40.4	1.8	4.3	62.8	67.1
October	28.0	40.8	1.8	4.3	63.3	67.3
November	28.3	40.9	1.9	4.4	63.6	67.4
December	28.6	40.9	2.0	4.5	63.5	67.5
<b>2001</b>						
January	28.8	40.9	2.0	4.6	63.4	67.6
February	28.9	40.7	2.0	4.7	63.2	67.7
PERSONS						
<b>1999</b>						
December	72.8	91.9	4.3	4.5	69.0	139.5
<b>2000</b>						
January	72.7	91.5	4.5	4.6	68.7	139.7
February	72.7	91.4	4.6	4.8	68.6	139.9
March	72.8	91.4	4.7	4.9	68.6	140.0
April	72.6	91.1	4.7	5.0	68.4	140.1
May	72.2	90.7	4.8	5.0	68.1	140.2
June	71.8	90.4	4.8	5.1	67.9	140.3
July	71.4	90.4	4.9	5.1	67.8	140.4
August	71.3	90.7	5.0	5.2	68.1	140.6
September	71.5	91.4	5.2	5.4	68.6	140.7
October	71.9	92.0	5.5	5.6	69.2	140.9
November	72.2	92.4	5.8	5.9	69.6	141.1
December	72.5	92.7	6.0	6.0	69.8	141.3
<b>2001</b>						
January	72.7	92.9	6.1	6.1	70.0	141.5
February	72.9	93.0	6.1	6.2	70.0	141.6

(a) Trend estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

(b) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

## TREND.....

Month	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Civilian population aged 15 and over
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
<b>1999</b>						
December	72.0	86.3	5.4	5.9	79.2	115.7
<b>2000</b>						
January	72.5	86.6	5.3	5.8	79.2	116.1
February	72.9	86.8	5.4	5.8	79.1	116.6
March	73.3	87.0	5.4	5.8	78.9	117.0
April	73.8	87.2	5.3	5.8	78.7	117.5
May	74.3	87.6	5.2	5.6	78.6	118.0
June	74.8	88.0	5.1	5.5	78.6	118.6
July	75.3	88.4	5.0	5.3	78.7	118.7
August	75.7	88.9	4.9	5.2	78.9	118.9
September	75.9	89.2	4.9	5.2	79.1	119.0
October	75.8	89.2	4.9	5.2	79.2	119.0
November	75.5	89.0	5.0	5.3	79.0	118.9
December	75.2	88.6	5.1	5.5	78.8	118.9
<b>2001</b>						
January	75.0	88.2	5.2	5.6	78.5	118.9
February	74.9	87.8	5.3	5.7	78.2	119.0
FEMALES						
<b>1999</b>						
December	51.1	78.6	4.3	5.2	67.5	122.7
<b>2000</b>						
January	51.4	78.6	4.1	5.0	67.4	122.9
February	51.7	78.6	4.0	4.9	67.1	123.1
March	51.9	78.5	4.0	4.8	66.9	123.2
April	52.1	78.6	4.0	4.8	66.9	123.5
May	52.1	78.8	3.9	4.8	66.9	123.7
June	51.9	79.3	3.8	4.6	67.1	123.9
July	51.7	80.1	3.6	4.3	67.4	124.1
August	51.5	80.8	3.3	4.0	67.8	124.2
September	51.4	81.3	3.2	3.8	68.0	124.3
October	51.2	81.4	3.2	3.7	68.0	124.3
November	51.0	81.2	3.2	3.8	67.9	124.3
December	50.8	80.8	3.3	4.0	67.6	124.3
<b>2001</b>						
January	50.6	80.3	3.4	4.1	67.3	124.4
February	50.4	79.7	3.5	4.2	66.9	124.4
PERSONS						
<b>1999</b>						
December	123.1	164.9	9.7	5.5	73.2	238.3
<b>2000</b>						
January	123.9	165.3	9.5	5.4	73.1	239.0
February	124.6	165.4	9.4	5.4	72.9	239.6
March	125.2	165.5	9.4	5.4	72.8	240.3
April	125.8	165.8	9.3	5.3	72.7	241.0
May	126.4	166.4	9.2	5.2	72.6	241.7
June	126.7	167.3	8.9	5.0	72.7	242.5
July	127.0	168.5	8.5	4.8	72.9	242.8
August	127.2	169.7	8.2	4.6	73.2	243.1
September	127.2	170.5	8.1	4.5	73.4	243.4
October	127.0	170.6	8.1	4.5	73.5	243.3
November	126.5	170.2	8.3	4.6	73.3	243.3
December	126.1	169.4	8.4	4.8	73.1	243.2
<b>2001</b>						
January	125.6	168.5	8.6	4.9	72.8	243.3
February	125.2	167.5	8.8	5.0	72.4	243.4

(a) Trend estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

(b) Revised due to annual seasonal reanalysis.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised estimates for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

### MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

**2** The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

### TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING

**3** The ABS has introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey. Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for 8 months, with one eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent). Telephone interviewing was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997.

**4** During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect peaked in November 1996, when it is estimated that the published estimate of total employment was about 36,000 to 48,000 lower than would have been measured under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.

### SCOPE OF SURVEY

**5** The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

### COVERAGE

**6** In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

### POPULATION BENCHMARKS

**7** Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1999, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1995 to January 1999.

### REVISION OF SERIES

**8** From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

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### SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

**9** The Labour Force Survey sample was last reselected using information collected in the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

**10** The bulk of the new sample was phased in over the period September 1997 to April 1998, with one eighth of this portion of the sample being introduced every month. The remainder of the sample (about 15% of the total), which covers less settled areas of Australia and non-private dwellings was rotated in full for New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory in September 1997, and for Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia in October 1997. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, were spread over the eight months.

**11** For further details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (Cat. no. 6269.0).

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

**12** Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

*Sampling error* occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 30 and 31. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

*Non sampling error* arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

**13** Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. Information about the method of adjustment, and revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for all months from January 1999, will be published in a feature article in the February 2001 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

**14** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

- Employment: 6 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment: 8 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements
- Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements.

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### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION *continued*

**15** The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

**16** While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

**17** Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in table 19. Unadjusted series for the two Territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

**18** For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**19** Users may also wish to refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available from ABS Bookshops.

**20** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

### UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

**21** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Kate Nielsen on 6252 6525 or to any ABS office.

### EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

**22** Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

**23** Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

\* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes in Cat. no. 6203.0 for more details.

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pts percentage points

## G L O S S A R Y

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<b>Actively looking for work</b>	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at the Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
<b>Attending school</b>	Persons aged 15 to 19 enrolled full time at secondary or high schools in the reference week.
<b>Attending tertiary educational institution full time</b>	Persons aged 15 to 24 enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week.
<b>Employed</b>	Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or</li><li>■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or</li><li>■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ on paid leave,</li><li>■ on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week,</li><li>■ stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week,</li><li>■ on strike or locked out,</li><li>■ on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job, or</li><li>■ receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or</li></ul></li><li>■ were employers, own account workers or contributing family workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.</li></ul>
<b>Full-time workers</b>	Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week
<b>Labour force</b>	For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
<b>Labour force status</b>	A classification of the civilian population aged 15 and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.
<b>Not in the labour force</b>	Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.
<b>Participation rate</b>	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.
<b>Part-time workers</b>	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.
<b>Seasonally adjusted series</b>	A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Notes 13 to 14 for more detail.
<b>Trend series</b>	A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 15 to 17 for more detail.

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<b>Unemployed</b>	Persons aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week), or</li><li>■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or</li></ul></li><li>■ were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.</li></ul>
<b>Unemployed looking for first full-time job</b>	Unemployed persons looking for full-time work (as defined above) who had never worked full time for two weeks or more
<b>Unemployed looking for full-time work</b>	Unemployed persons who actively looked for full-time work, or were to resume a full-time job from which they had been stood down.
<b>Unemployed looking for part-time work</b>	Unemployed persons who had actively looked for part-time work only, or were to resume a part-time job from which they had been stood down.
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
<b>Unemployment to population ratio</b>	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

## STANDARD ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

### LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 500,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 8,700. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 500,000. For instance, the standard error of 8,700 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 491,300 to 508,700 (500,000 + or - 8,700)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 482,600 to 517,400 (500,000 + or - 17,400).

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total				
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000				
NSW	18.5	9.9	21.9	5.4	4.0	6.0	23.0	16.9	0.2	0.4
Vic.	14.1	8.3	16.7	4.2	3.1	4.8	17.4	12.5	0.2	0.5
Qld	10.8	7.3	12.2	4.5	2.8	5.1	12.7	10.0	0.3	0.4
SA	5.0	3.5	5.7	1.9	1.3	2.2	5.9	5.0	0.3	0.5
WA	5.5	4.0	6.0	2.4	1.5	2.6	6.2	4.9	0.3	0.4
Tas.	1.8	1.3	2.1	0.8	0.5	0.9	2.2	1.9	0.4	0.6
NT	1.2	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.4	1.1	0.5	1.0
ACT	1.8	1.1	2.0	0.5	0.4	0.6	2.1	1.4	0.4	0.9
Males	21.3	9.6	23.2	7.6	4.2	8.2	24.5	15.2	0.1	0.3
Females	15.9	14.0	20.2	6.0	5.2	7.3	21.0	18.9	0.2	0.3
Persons	28.3	16.0	36.7	9.0	6.1	10.2	39.5	24.7	0.1	0.3

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	3.0	5.1	5.4	4.0	6.0	2.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
Vic.	2.1	3.9	4.2	3.1	4.8	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
Qld	2.3	4.2	4.5	2.8	5.1	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
SA	0.8	1.8	1.9	1.3	2.2	3.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
WA	1.3	2.2	2.4	1.5	2.6	3.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
Tas.	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.9	4.2	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.4
NT	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	5.4	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.5
ACT	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	6.5	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.4
Males	3.8	7.2	7.6	4.2	8.2	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.1
Females	3.2	5.6	6.0	5.2	7.3	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Persons	4.6	8.4	9.0	6.1	10.2	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

## STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

### MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,390,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,400,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 13,000. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 10,000. For instance, the standard error of 13,000 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two month period falls within the range -3,000 to 23,000 (10,000 + or - 13,000)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -16,000 to 36,000 (10,000 + or - 26,000).

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	'000	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
NSW	9.9	6.7	10.9	4.1	2.9	4.5	11.1	9.5	0.1	0.2	
Vic.	7.6	5.3	8.4	3.1	2.3	3.5	8.6	7.1	0.1	0.2	
Qld	6.7	4.7	7.5	3.1	2.1	3.4	7.7	6.3	0.2	0.3	
SA	3.1	2.3	3.5	1.4	1.0	1.5	3.6	3.1	0.2	0.3	
WA	3.9	2.8	4.3	1.7	1.2	1.9	4.4	3.5	0.2	0.3	
Tas.	1.2	0.9	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.5	1.3	0.3	0.4	
NT	1.1	0.6	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.8	
ACT	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.5	
Males	14.0	7.1	14.7	5.7	3.2	6.1	15.2	10.8	0.1	0.2	
Females	11.1	10.0	13.5	4.6	4.0	5.5	13.9	13.0	0.1	0.2	
Persons	16.3	11.2	18.1	6.7	4.7	7.5	18.6	15.3	0.1	0.1	

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.3	3.9	4.1	2.9	4.5	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
Vic.	1.6	2.9	3.1	2.3	3.5	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
Qld	1.8	2.9	3.1	2.1	3.4	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
SA	0.7	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.5	2.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
WA	1.0	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.9	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Tas.	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	3.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
NT	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	5.6	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.5
ACT	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	5.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.3
Males	3.0	5.4	5.7	3.2	6.1	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Females	2.6	4.3	4.6	4.0	5.5	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Persons	3.5	6.3	6.7	4.7	7.5	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

## WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

### EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 13 and 14 of Explanatory Notes).

#### TREND REVISIONS

The examples in the tables below show four illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and unemployment rate.

**1** The March seasonally adjusted estimate is the same as the February estimate.

**2** The March seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the February estimate by:

- +0.31% for employment
- +1.83% for the unemployment rate

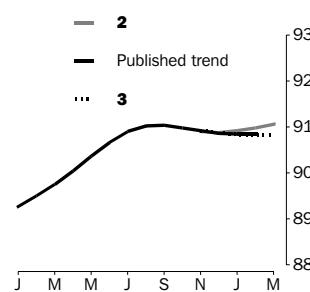
**3** The March seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the February estimate by:

- -0.31% for employment
- -1.83% for the unemployment rate

**4** The March seasonally adjusted estimate results in a revised February trend estimate which is identical to the new March trend estimate.

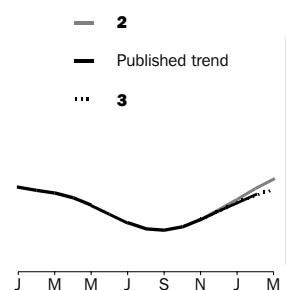
The percentage changes of 0.31% and 1.83% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

#### EMPLOYMENT ('000)



WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:				
	<b>1</b> 9 098.6 <i>i.e. the same as Feb 2001</i>	<b>2</b> 9 127.1 <i>i.e. rises by 0.31%</i>	<b>3</b> 9 070.9 <i>i.e. falls by 0.31%</i>	<b>4</b> 9 065.4 <i>i.e. same trend for Feb &amp; Mar</i>
TREND AS PUBLISHED				
2000				
December	9 086.7	9 086.9	9 088.2	9 085.6
2001				
January	9 084.7	9 087.2	9 091.5	9 083.0
February	9 084.8	9 089.8	9 097.8	9 081.8
March (new)	—	9 094.5	9 106.5	9 082.5
				9 080.5

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)



WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:				
	<b>1</b> 6.9 <i>i.e. the same as Feb 2001</i>	<b>2</b> 7.0 <i>i.e. rises by 1.83%</i>	<b>3</b> 6.8 <i>i.e. falls by 1.83%</i>	<b>4</b> 6.3 <i>i.e. same trend for Feb &amp; Mar</i>
TREND AS PUBLISHED				
2000				
December	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6
2001				
January	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
February	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
March (new)	—	6.9	6.9	6.8
				6.6







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